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BOLD RAID MADE BY VILLA BANDITS

500 Attacked Columbus, New Mexico; Killed American Soldiers and Civilians

WORST CRIME YET BY MEXICANS IN STATES

Set Buildings on Fire; Snipers Shot People as They Came Out

Columbus, N. M., March 8.—Five hundred Villa bandits attacked this point at 4:30 this morning, killed four American soldiers and wounded seven, killed a number of civilians, men and women, and held possession of the town for an hour and a half. Driven off by three troops of the 13th Cavalry, they retreated at 6 o'clock, leaving part of the town in flames.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton James and J. S. Dean, a merchant, were among those killed. A large number of Mexicans were killed. Their bodies dotted streets where they had been posted, bleeding off American soldiers. They emerged from dwellings and hotels. There appeared to be no wounded. Several guests were burned to death in the Central hotel, which was one of the first buildings fired by Villa's men. Some of the bandits, standing outside, shot down W. T. Richey, proprietor of the hotel, and Walton Walker, a guest. Both were dead when picked up later.

C. C. Miller, owner of a drug store, was shot as he tried to enter the door of the Hoover hotel. M. Puche, a merchant, was wounded in the hand. An adobe structure protected a score of women and children who remained in the room while a howling mob of bandits surged through the surrounding streets.

A chauffeur, driving an automobile with an El Paso license, name unknown, was killed and his body burned.

Col. Stocum, commanding the 13th Cavalry, announced that four American soldiers had been killed and seven wounded. Fourteen dead Mexicans were counted near the army camp.

The pumper for the railroad at Columbus was wounded, and his wife killed.

Villa came over the line at this point, apparently, and the Carranza soldiers in the neighborhood were reported to have joined him. Deploying his men in open order, Villa sent them up a deep ditch running up from the border and paralleling the road skirting the United States army camp, the customs house and the railroad station. The fight began here in the town and the families of A. L. Riggs, customs officer, and of L. Jager, station agent of the El Paso-Southwestern railroad, were in the midst of it, but no member of either family was hurt. Riggs, his wife and two children barricaded themselves behind mattresses on the floor. Jager and his wife and two children, on the second floor of the railroad station building, did the same.

In the section house nearby, S. H. McCullough and his wife and their four children sought safety on the floor. Bullets flew over their heads. A bullet smashed the station clock.

A woman, dragging a little girl by the hand, was wounded.

Snipers at Work.

Snipers posted in front of frame buildings set on fire shot at the American inmates as they sought refuge from flames destroying the buildings. These Mexican snipers moved deliberately in the dark. The lighting of oil lamps by householders and hotel guests started out of sound sleep by the rifle fusillade, brought a shower of bullets. Every house in town and nearly every window appeared to have been hit from once to a dozen times.

Civilians armed themselves and from vantage points within their homes answered the shots of the bandits. Some bandits sought to entice Americans out into the streets by speaking English. J. S. Dean was caught in this way. A Mexican who spoke excellent English called to him. Dean emerged from a doorway and his reply in English betrayed him to be an American and brought his death. At the same time another American shouted: "Hey, who are you?"

"I do not know who he is," the American answered, "but I have some of him left here scattered in the street." The American pointed to the street intersection, where six dead bandits lay in the pale light of dawn.

The quick flashes of a few pistol shots were visible and disclosed dying forms in the street, but Villa was not among them. He apparently left when Col. Stocum's troops began pressing the snipers toward the south.

Villa Was Seen.

Villa is said to have been seen by several Americans, urging on his men. He cut the telegraph wires east of El Paso to prevent any call for American troops stationed there. The telephones also went out of commission. While

GERMAN FLEET VENTURED INTO THE NORTH SEA



It was stated in a message from Reuter's correspondent at Ymuiden, Holland, last night that the German fleet sighted by trawlers in the North Sea had returned to its base yesterday morning. One trawler reported having sighted it 163 miles due west of the mouth of the Elbe. This, the most westerly point at which it was sighted, would place it about due north of Vlieland, one of the Dutch islands.

BETTER POSITIONS WEST OF THE MEUSE

Lines Now Held by French Stronger Than Those Formerly Held

YESTERDAY HONORS RESTED WITH FRENCH

Paris, March 9.—As a result of the operations yesterday the French line west of the Meuse, northwest of Verdun, now runs from Bethincourt by Corbeaux wood and the northern part of Cumieres, to the upper end of the Cote de l'Oie, and in this advance of the first line of resistance, constituted by positions running from Mort-Homme hill to the south of Cumieres. This is considered as a considerable improvement in the French position in this section.

The whole front yesterday was copiously shelled; infantry attacked only against positions at Bethincourt, on the left of the more westerly of the two plateaus between which the French line runs. Wave after wave of densely packed masses dashed forward, but the Frenchmen, having emerged from shelter as soon as the preliminary bombardment had ceased, directed such an effective fire from carefully-placed machine guns, accompanied by fire from rifles and 75 millimetre guns, that after struggling boldly again and again the assailants finally gave up and retired.

Retook Corbeaux Wood.

Encouraged by their successful resistance, the Frenchmen went back Corbeaux wood, which they had lost the day before. It was considered that the honors of the day rested with the French, but the situation remained undecided.

In conjunction with the attack to the west of the river, the Germans made another determined effort to carry Douaumont plateau, but they succeeded only in restoring the situation as it was on Monday without accomplishing any new progress. At the same time the Germans increased the vigor of their action in the Woivre district. When the operations began the Germans had from Etain to Fresnes the fifth Landwehr division of the fifth corps and the third Bavarian corps, in all 60,000 men, spread out along a twelve-mile front. The capture of Fresnes enabled them to advance and to shorten their lines to seven miles.

Stopped Attempt.

For some days Fresnes had been partially enveloped by the Germans, who, at Manheulles on the north and Champalonne on the south, had rendered the position a difficult one to hold. It was taken finally by the Germans with heavy losses.

The French fell back on formidable positions on the heights of the Meuse, and their batteries on the heights stopped the German attempt to push forward from Manheulles and Fresnes. It is not considered likely that a serious offensive will be undertaken by the Germans against the heights without considerable reinforcements of infantry and more heavy guns.

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MARRIED RECRUITS BETWEEN 27 AND 35 WILL BE CALLED UP

London, March 9.—The newspapers announce to-day that a proclamation will be issued next week calling to the colors the married Derby recruits between the ages of 27 and 35.

AUSTRIANS GETTING TWO SHIPS READY

Dreadnoughts Will Try to Break Through to Assistance of Turkey

Rome, March 9.—Two of the most powerful of Austria's dreadnoughts are being prepared in a Dalmatian port, the Tribuna, says, with the intention of repeating the exploits of the former German war vessels Goeben and Breslau and breaking through the allies' blockade of the Adriatic in order to reach the Dardanelles and bring assistance to Turkey in the Black sea, as the situation of the latter is growing desperate owing to Russia's naval supremacy in those waters.

For this reason, the newspaper adds, the floating mines which obstructed the Dardanelles have been swept up by the Turks and Germans in order to clear a way for the Austrian ships which are expected.

FRENCH PREPARED FOR NEW ATTEMPT

Expected Germans Would Make Violent Attack West of Meuse

Paris, March 9.—The development of an attack on the left bank of the Meuse, northwest of Verdun, as part of the German offensive, was expected. The object is to surround Verdun.

This plan was foreseen by the French general staff. The German attack is being carried out with great persistence and method, but the French military chiefs are as confident as ever, and have immense reserves, hardly any of which have yet been brought to the field, and great supplies of artillery and ammunition.

Germany's Last Blow.

News from Holland indicates that the unanimous opinion of business people in that country is that Germany is striking her last blow and must carry it off or go under. Neutrals just arrived in Holland from Germany report that there is very real want and a feeling of anxiety throughout the country. The financial position is growing more serious and many banks are in severe straits.

As regards the shortage of food the brother of a neutral monarch, who has returned to Paris from Berlin, says it is impossible to obtain a decent dinner in the German capital. Having tried the hotels and restaurants, he went to his own legation, but found the food there no better.

COLDS IN PARIS.

Paris, March 9.—Although the weather has been mild and almost balmy the greater part of the winter, 75 per cent of the people of Paris are victims of colds.

FIFTY CRAFT OF ALL TYPES SEEN

Trawler Sighted German Fleet 163 Miles West of Mouth of Elbe

ALSO SEEN 35 MILES NORTHWEST OF YMUIDEN

London, March 9.—According to accounts in the morning newspapers regarding the recent activity of the German fleet in the North Sea, the fleet included about 50 craft of all descriptions from the most modern dreadnoughts down to old-fashioned torpedo boats. The fleet was escorted by two Zeppelins, which served as scouts to prevent a surprise attack by hostile vessels.

On trawler sighted the fleet 163 miles due west of the mouth of the Elbe. Another sighted it 35 miles northwest of Ymuiden. All the German ships were painted a war gray and were invisible at a short distance.

One Dutch trawler is quoted as having reported that during the recent air raid on England a Zeppelin was seen scouting in advance of three cruisers and a fleet of destroyers and submarines, which were believed to have had the intention of making a dash for English waters.

Gt. Britain Exposes the Hollowness of the German Claims

Washington, March 9.—Challenging every substantial charge against Great Britain contained in the German memorandum submitted yesterday to Secretary Lansing by Count von Bernstorff, the British embassy to-day issued a statement intended to show that while Germany contends her submarine warfare is in retaliation for British violations of international law, many of the German acts were committed before the British had issued the order-in-council or committed any other acts of which the Germans complain.

DISASTROUS FIRE IN TOWN NEAR DUSSELDORF

Amsterdam, March 9.—A great fire has destroyed warehouses and large quantities of merchandise at Muenchen-Gladbach, a town in Rhineland Prussia, 16 miles southwest of Dusseldorf. The damage was extensive, according to German newspapers received here.

VILLA WAS THERE.

Columbus, N. M., March 9.—Personal papers of Francisco Villa were contained in a portmanteau found by a United States trooper just west of the American camp.

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NO NEED TO WORRY; GEN. JOFFRE IS NOT TEARING HIS HAT

Washington, March 9.—"Do not worry; Joffre is not tearing his hat," was the answer that came to a cable inquiry about Verdun sent by an official of one of the entente embassies here to a friend in the war office of his government.

GERMANY DECLARES WAR ON PORTUGAL

Hands Passports to Portuguese Minister; Adds One More to Enemies

GERMANS IN PORTUGAL PROCEEDING TO SPAIN

Berlin, March 9.—Germany declared war on Portugal at 3:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon and handed his passports to the Portuguese minister. "The German government therefore considers itself from this time at war with the Portuguese government," is the conclusion of a declaration handed to-day by the German minister at Lisbon to the Portuguese government and in Berlin to the Portuguese minister, a semi-official Overseas News Agency announcement states.

Germans to Spain.

Paris, March 9.—A dispatch from Lisbon to the Matin, filed last night, said: A rupture with Germany is regarded by the Portuguese government as inevitable. Special protective measures accordingly have been taken along the coast and at the entrance of the Tagus against submarines. The lighthouses have been ordered to remain dark.

A dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph from Lisbon, filed last night, said:

German residents in Oporto and throughout Portugal have been advised by their consuls to proceed to Spain immediately.

It is thought the diplomats will leave this week as a rupture between Germany and Portugal is considered inevitable.

SEVERAL WASHOUTS ON MAINLAND LINES

Extraordinary Fall of Rain in Vancouver and Adjacent Districts

Vancouver, March 9.—Washouts and slides caused by the incessant down-pour of the past 60 hours are reported by all the transportation companies operating into Vancouver. The troubles extend all over the lower mainland and along the Fraser valley. The Fraser river is swollen by the unusually heavy precipitation and the swiftly-flowing waters are washing out the banks at several places. Floods have occurred at a number of points. The C. P. R., C. N. P. R., N. P. G. N., and B. C. Electric are all coping with traffic problems of various sorts. The G. N. has been obliged to suspend service both inbound and outbound as a result of the series of complications.

The C. P. R. has engaged in dredging and putting in a new stretch of roadbed where the turbulent waters of the Fraser river undermined the tracks between Hammond and Haney this morning. Operating officials expected that the line would be ready for operation this afternoon. Westbound train No. 1, due here at 10 o'clock this morning, the Agassiz local due at 10:30 o'clock, and No. 4 that left here at 9 o'clock are held on either side of the trouble zone.

G. N. in Trouble.

The G. N. is having trouble at numerous points between Vancouver and Blaine. A washout in the Grandview cut and slides near New Westminster and along the shore section in the neighborhood of White Rock, are among the difficulties that are being grappled with. Trains from Seattle due last night and this morning are stalled at Blaine; service southbound has been temporarily discontinued. A slide has occurred right in New Westminster near the G. N. depot at the bridge, and a washout at Sapperton, which also has affected the B. C. E. R., also is complicating the traffic problem.

Washouts on Asylum Hill, New Westminster, and at Argyll, on the Esquimalt-New Westminster line of the B. C. E. R., have disorganized service on the B. C. E. R., affecting traffic in the former case on the Sapperton, Burnaby Lake and Fraser Mills lines. Passengers are being transferred. No trouble has been reported on the Fraser valley route.

PABLO LOPEZ KILLED.

Columbus, N. M., March 9.—Pablo Lopez, second in command to Villa, was killed during the clash early this morning.

ENEMY MET WITH COMPLETE DEFEAT

Germans Were Repulsed Between Douaumont and Village of Vaux

REPEATED ATTACKS ON BETHINCOURT FAILED

French Lines on Both Sides of Meuse Holding; German Statement

Paris, March 9.—The Germans have been repulsed between Douaumont and the village of Vaux after several violent attacks, accompanied by intense artillery fire, according to the official statement issued to-day, which says the attackers were completely defeated after having penetrated the village of Vaux.

Attacks Repulsed.

Paris, March 9.—On the Verdun sector west of the Meuse the French have repulsed repeated attacks on the village of Bethincourt, according to a semi-official statement made here to-day.

German Claims.

Berlin, March 9.—The village and armored fort of Vaux, northeast of Verdun, have been captured by the Germans, the war office announced to-day.

The announcement says that in addition to the village and fort of Vaux, numerous adjoining fortified positions were captured. The assault was made in the night by Posen reserve regiments.

Fort Douaumont is about five miles northeast of Verdun. Fort Vaux is two miles southeast of Douaumont, being only slightly nearer Verdun than is Fort Douaumont. Bethincourt, west of the Meuse, is eight miles northwest of Verdun.

STATES MAY SEND TROOPS INTO MEXICO

New Crisis Brought on by Massacre at Columbus, New Mexico

Washington, March 9.—Faced by a new crisis in Mexican affairs through the Columbus massacre, administration officials admitted to-day that President Wilson might find it difficult to refrain longer from actual interference. What the administration leaders who favor a watchful waiting course fear most is an outbreak in congress, with its consequent effect upon the country.

At the White House the only word given out was that steps would be taken to punish the Villa bandits, but it was not indicated whether General Carranza would be called upon to do so, or whether American troops would be sent over the line. At the state department it was said the situation was "very serious," but that no announcement of what action could be taken would be made until all official investigation was concluded.

The state department is said to have begun the draft of a memorandum to General Carranza, based on the report of General Funston.

There were indications that the Columbus massacre would be the signal for another outbreak in the senate, where the opponents of the administration's policy have been most active.

Critical Situation.

At the White House the report was received with evidences of the greatest concern. Officials most familiar with the president's Mexican policy were silent, but they indicated that the raid had brought the situation to a critical point, where it might be difficult to stand by the policy of non-interference.

After the president and Mr. Baker had discussed the reports briefly, the president decided that the new secretary of war should take office at once. He signed Mr. Baker's commission and the new secretary went to his new office to be sworn in.

One of the probable courses most discussed in official circles was to send American troops over the line to clean out the bandits. It was pointed out that such action could be taken with a declaration that there was no intention to impair the sovereignty of Mexico or purpose of occupation of territory, but simply to deal with a situation menacing to the American border over which the Carranza government evidently has no control.

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RIZEN AND SEHNA TAKEN BY RUSSIANS

Former Thirty-Five Miles East
of Trebizond; Latter
in Persia

Petrograd, March 9.—Russian troops have captured the town of Rizen, on the Black Sea, 35 miles east of Trebizond. This announcement was made in the official statement issued last night. Russian troops also have occupied the town of Sehna, north of Kermanshah, in Persia.

The text of the communication follows: "On our western front, in the Riga sector, our artillery several times has brought about the cessation of operations of German working parties, and silenced enemy batteries."

"In the Dvinsk sector, near Ilkoulst, fighting for mine craters continues. All German efforts to occupy them have been repulsed."

"South of the Poniwesch railroad we have pushed back the Germans and made a slight advance. Northeast of the Clyska station, on the Kielce-Browne line, the enemy tried twice to approach our trenches, but on each occasion was repulsed with heavy losses by our fire."

"In the upper Strypa region we permitted a strong body of the enemy to approach within fifty paces of our trenches without firing a single shot, and then dispersed them with our fire."

"North of the Bojana, (Bukovina) our scouts have destroyed a German post."

"Caucasian front.—In the coastal districts our troops continue to press the Turks closely. We have occupied the town of Rizen, east of Trebizond."

"We also have taken the town of Sehna, 40 versts (33 miles) north of Kermanshah, (Persia)."

**PRECIOUS STONES MUST
REMAIN IN AUSTRALIA**
Melbourne, March 9.—Exportation of precious stones from the Australian Commonwealth, except to Great Britain, has been prohibited. A special license, however, may be granted by the minister of commerce.

H. B. "Imperial" Lager Beer, pints \$1.00 per dozen.

EFFECT OF WAR ON MARRIAGES IN FRANCE

Much of Red Tape Swept
Away; May Be Com-
plete Change

Paris, March 9.—Genuine courtship—real love-making—as an incident to marriage, is one of the innovations that war has brought to France. It may develop into a revolution of the marriage system, and is almost certain in any case to be the death of much of the red tape that has entangled, and more or less strangled, Cupid.

Marriage was hard hit during the first months of the war, but by reason of the authorization of unions by proxy and the infusion of war romance, it is rapidly recovering. In Paris there were only 768 marriages in January, 1915, as against 2,341 in January, 1914. In December, 1915, there were 1,289, showing a remarkable recovery under the circumstances.

In a great many of these war marriages it is noticed that, for the time being, girls without fortune are running their more favored sisters a close race, since in a great proportion the marriages celebrated since hostilities began the marriage contract has been dispensed with, there being no mention of dowry nor talk about money. Romance has taken the place of finance.

In hundreds of cases wounded heroes have fallen in love with and married their nurses; nearly every day the story is told of some man in a fighting regiment who has been corresponding with an unknown sympathizer and who has come home on leave to find that his "goodmother" is worth marrying for herself.

"The Flirt at the Front." Women and girls acting as "good-mothers" to unknown correspondents at the front have developed what is lightly called "the Flirt at the Front," into formidable proportions, and at this moment this is perhaps the most efficient marriage agency in the world. The sacrifices made by some girls marrying soldiers who have been blinded or maimed almost to the point of helplessness have spread the contagion, and love affairs are born on every hand by the close communion of hearts and through the constant movement of soldiers coming in contact with new faces, every one of which under present circumstances is bound to be sympathetic.

Some psychologists have inquired whether there was not in France a crying need for deeper affection, and whether the decreasing birth rate in the country was not due in great part to the obstacles of marriage and the more material considerations that all incidents of the war unquestionably have brought everyone into closer union and there seems to have been a general wiping out of old scores that kept acquaintances and even families apart. There have been many reconciliations through the exchange of news of the exploits of mutual friends, and many instances of divided families reunited over the tomb of a fallen hero.

May Be Permanent. Young people are now being brought together not by contract nor by the attraction of wealth, but simply by the greater force now asserting itself of young hearts and common will. It is asked whether it will continue after the war, and what effect it will have upon the future of France. Many believe it will result in a transformation, if not in a revolution, of the marriage system. Some contend that men will marry younger and marry for love instead of for money, and that with the stronger tie of affection taking the place of interest, divorces will become fewer while the population will grow correspondingly more numerous.

**CASUALTIES AMONG
CANADIAN SOLDIERS**
Ottawa, March 9.—The following casualty list was issued last night: Eighth Battalion—Died of wounds: Lieut. Shaver, Eadie, Oakland, Man; Pte. S. Moore, Ireland. Wounded: Pte. D. D. Kincaid, Fort William, Ont. Fourteenth Battalion—Died: Pte. Gordon W. Manderson, Malpeque, P. E. I. Fifteenth Battalion—Seriously ill: Pte. N. A. Smith, Armstrong, B. C. Killed in action: Pte. W. H. Millard, New Toronto, Ont.; Cpl. Jas. Gled, Toronto. Slightly wounded: Pte. H. D. Hart, England. Twenty-second Battalion—Wounded: Capt. Eugene M. Papineau, Dorchester, N. B. Twenty-sixth Battalion—Wounded: Pte. John Doherty, South Africa. Twenty-seventh Battalion—Wounded: Pte. A. W. Howe, Kamloops, B. C. Accidentally wounded: Pte. D. J. Budd, England. Forty-second Battalion—Killed in action: Pte. C. J. McLeod, Ireland. Wounded, but on duty: Pte. Harry Moore, England. Forty-ninth Battalion—Seriously ill: Pte. C. A. Edenborough, Higgins, Texas. Wounded: Pte. A. D. Wood, England; Pte. G. P. Edmond, England; Pte. R. Barker, England. Fifty-fourth Battalion—Died: Pte. E. W. Evans, Vernon, B. C. Princess Patricia's—Died of wounds: Pte. Arthur Mellor, England. Sixth Howitzer Brigade—Seriously wounded: Gr. George Nuth, England. Fourth Field Company Second Canadian Divisional Engineers—Seriously wounded: Lieut. Alex. F. MacBrayne, Scotland. Training Depot Engineers—Seriously ill: Skipper C. Baley, Englewood Point, Que.

A countryman had consulted a fortune-teller as to his future. "You'll be poor, kind sir, until you're thirty," was the prediction of the Pythoness. "And then?" "Oh, after that you'll get used to it."

RETOOK GREATER PART OF CORBEAUX WOOD

French Repulsed Germans at
Bethincourt; Germans Re-
occupied a Redoubt

Paris, March 9.—The following official statement was issued last night: "North of the Aisne destructive bombardments have been carried out against the enemy works on the plateau of Craonne and the environs of Pasly, north of Soissons."

"In the Argonne we concentrated our fire on the German organizations at Haute Chevauchée and the Chepy wood. Region of Verdun. "West of the Meuse the enemy attempted to make a fresh advance. Under cover of a bombardment an attack was directed against our positions at Bethincourt, but was repulsed."

"A counter-attack launched by us on the Bois-des-Corbeaux drove the enemy from the greater part of that wood, of which he occupies no more than the eastern extremity."

"On the right bank of the Meuse the bombardment again has become violent in the region of Douaumont, where the Germans attempted an unsuccessful attack. East of the fort, after an infantry action, the enemy succeeded in reoccupying the Harfautmont redoubt, of which we had taken possession yesterday."

"In the Woëvre a spirited artillery action has been maintained. Our batteries on the Meuse hills have energetically counter-shelled the German artillery."

"In upper Alsace a grenade attack enabled us to reoccupy some sections of trenches taken by the Germans on February 12 to the east of Seppois. Metz Station Raided. "One of our bombing squadrons, composed of sixteen aeroplanes, dropped 124 shells of all calibres on the Metz-Sablon station, where there were several trains. The projectiles struck well. A squadron of enemy aeroplanes gave chase to our machines, which returned to their base with the exception of one, which was obliged to make a landing owing to motor trouble."

The following official communication was issued last evening: "Minor artillery actions occurred at several points on the front. A violent engagement with bombs took place at the Ferryman's House."

British Report. London, March 9.—The following official statement was issued last night: "Last night the enemy sprang a mine near the Ypres-Comines railroad, causing no damage. Our artillery bombarded that vicinity to-day."

"By exploding a small mine to-day east of Laventie we interrupted the enemy's mining. Near Grenay there was fighting with trench mortars, during which we did considerable damage to the enemy's defenses. The enemy shelled our positions in craters to the east of Vermelles. "Elsewhere nothing occurred."

**FRENCH AIRMAN HAS
BROUGHT DOWN SIX**
Paris, March 9.—The hero of the hour in France is George Guynemer, a young airman who has just brought down six enemy machines, and who wears the military cross, the war cross and the medal of the legion of honor in token of his bravery.

It is stated that Guynemer was refused for the army four times on medical grounds. On his fifth attempt he squeezed through the regulations and was accepted for the Air Corps. He quickly showed much aptitude and within a few weeks had become so proficient that he was placed in charge of a single-seater monoplane, fitted with a machine gun.

The newspapers describe Guynemer as "a quiet, modest, pleasant-faced boy of twenty, who sees in these aerial combats only a series of ordinary episodes." In an interview he told a French journalist: "My work is very amusing. It is just like hitting rabbits—you fire, bunny is hit, he drops. It is really quite easy."

**SIMPLICITY THE RULE
AT BUCKINGHAM PALACE**
London, March 9.—Almost half of the domestic staff of Buckingham Palace has been released for duty at the front, and the life of the royal family brought down to a simplicity in keeping with times of war. The king still allows no wine at the table, and the meals served are plain and simple, as an example in self-denial to the people.

Queen Mary, on her part, takes great care to prevent waste. One of the court institutions she has reduced in cost is the royal orchestra. The queen also insists on strict economy in the management of the war-time charities over which she presides. Too often, in peace times, these charities are really extravagant fashionable fetes in the name of charity, but they are now run on a simple and business-like plan.

Other members of the royal family follow the example of the heads of their house. Princess Christian, for example, no longer has a grandiose flunkey at her door, but a parlor maid in a dark blue uniform.

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PEKING SOON MAY HAVE STREET RAILWAY SYSTEM

Peking, March 8.—Once more Peking is alive with rumors that the city is to have a street railway system. Although the city has a population of about one million inhabitants it has never had any sort of street cars. Rickshaws drawn by coolies afford the chief means of transportation. Old-fashioned Chinese and Manchus cling to the clumsy Peking cart, while in a heavy two-wheeled wooden cart, without springs, drawn by a single horse or mule. The cart has an ark-like cover, under which the passengers sit in a crouching position. The driver sits on a small extension in front of this cover with his legs dangling at the horse's heels.

Peking has two railway stations, which are on the opposite sides of the city, a distance of more than four miles apart. This trip requires nearly an hour in a rickshaw. In the days when time was of little value to the Chinese, suggestions concerning an electric street railway were ignored, but now time has come to be more of a factor in Chinese life and there seems to be little opposition to electric cars.

The summer palace, which is probably the greatest show place in the vicinity of Peking, is about 12 miles from the legation quarter, and in the vicinity of Peking, this college, which is sustained by the Boxers' indemnity funds remitted by the American government. These two points of interest are much sought by tourists, and probably will be connected up by electricity when the city gets a street car system. The Ming tombs, the Nankou Pass on the Great Wall, and scores of other points of interest less than 100 miles from Peking, afford great opportunities for an electric inter-urban system. Tientsin, the seaport for Peking, is only 50 miles away.

**HOW RUSSIA IS PAYING
JAPANESE FOR MUNITIONS**
Tokio, March 8.—Russia's real reason in placing a war loan of 10,000,000 yen (about \$25,000,000) is to pay in part for the great quantities of war munitions which the Japanese government and private arsenals are furnishing the Russian government.

The loan takes the form of Russian treasury bills in denomination of 5,000 and 10,000 yen, and the rate of interest is 5 per cent. The bonds are redeemable in one year, the rate of issue being 85.

WAR AND CARRARA MARBLE.
Rome, March 9.—The war has hit hard the Alpi Apuani district, especially in the neighborhood of Carrara, where Italy's finest marble is quarried. France and Belgium were Italy's best customers for marble before the war, Germany being a close third and Britain fourth. There has been no exportation to France, Belgium and Germany for over a year, and now it is announced that Britain has decided not to allow any further importation of this type of luxury.

**AUSTRIA FEELING
SHORTAGE OF DRUGS**
Rome, March 9.—To meet the serious shortage of certain drugs and medicines in Austria the Pharmacological Institute has been conducting investigations into the production of proper substitutes. The Drugists' Wochenchrift publishes a long list of "ersatz" medicines which it says already have been produced, among them being a synthetic form of morphine, a substitute for glycerine, and bromine to take the place of iodine as a skin disinfectant.

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CHURCHILL'S CHARGES DENIED BY BALFOUR

First Lord Defends Admiralty
Board; Tribute to Sir
Henry Jackson

London, March 9.—Speaking in the House of Commons yesterday on the navy estimates, Rt. Hon. A. J. Balfour, first lord of the admiralty, said the speech of the day before by Colonel Churchill, his predecessor, was unfortunate in form and substance. It was calculated to arouse doubts and misgivings about the fleet and the energy of the present admiralty board in dealing with national necessities.

While deprecating the controversy, Mr. Balfour declared: "I absolutely deny Colonel Churchill's charges."

Mr. Balfour denied that there had been any breach of continuity between the present board and its predecessor. Regarding the shortage of labor, he said the government was doing everything possible to alleviate it, not to remedy it completely.

Referring to Colonel Churchill's explanation that his mind had become clearer since he had gone into the trenches, Mr. Balfour said the colonel must have inherited the qualities of the great duke of Marlborough, who was never cooler or more collected than when in action. He considered Colonel Churchill's "apology" to Admiral Lord Fisher as little short of an insult to Admiral Jackson, Lord Fisher's successor as first sea lord.

Delay in Building

In bitter tones Mr. Balfour complained that it was under the Churchill regime that skilled shipwrights had been permitted to join the army. Delay in completing dreadnoughts had been due to the fact that Colonel Churchill had used guns and gun mountings designed for capital ships to complete the equipment of monitors.

Mr. Balfour said he was not pessimistic regarding the strength of the fleet. It was more powerful than when Mr. Churchill had left the admiralty, and was being increased in strength constantly. Some monitors had been constructed hastily, but even now it was found impossible to use them, it being necessary to remodel them.

When Mr. Balfour said that guns used on monitors had been designed for capital ships, Sir Arthur Basil Markham, Liberal member for Nottinghamshire, interjected: "The monitor guns came from America."

"There was more than one lot of guns," retorted Mr. Balfour.

The Monitors

The first lord said the monitors had proved of the greatest value, but all the monitors in the world would not add a little strength to the grand fleet. They could not work with the grand fleet, and were not intended to work with it. He did not assert that it was wrong to build these vessels, which had done very good service at the Dardanelles, but he said that Belgium, and might yet do good service again; but it was not right that these who had deliberately and perhaps rightly weakened the grand fleet to create those monitors should turn around and say: "You are neglecting the grand fleet."

Colonel Churchill's suggestion that Admiral Lord Fisher be recalled to office, Mr. Balfour continued, had been listened to with profound stupefaction. He characterized the suggestion as a paradox of the wildest and most extravagant kind, and paid a warm tribute to Admiral Sir Henry Jackson.

"If the fleets at the command of this country at this moment are not sufficient to secure safety, then in the naval history of Great Britain they never have been," was one of the parting shots uttered by Mr. Balfour.

Colonel Churchill

As soon as Mr. Balfour had concluded his speech, Col. Churchill arose. He said this disquietude was due to doubts whether the destroyer and battleship programme was being executed according to the revised plans, and that on this point Mr. Balfour had given no assurance.

Col. Churchill charged Mr. Balfour with having used every parliamentary device of which he was master to make an effective reply. The first lord had put the charges, which he (Colonel Churchill) had brought, in crudely exaggerated form.

Col. Churchill said that he agreed that there was no reason for alarm as to the strength or readiness of the navy. All he desired to do was to sound a note of necessary warning, and he also was restrained by regard for the public interest from making it still stronger.

"If we could associate," he said, "the guiding power of Lord Fisher with the carrying on of Lord Fisher's policy, great public advantage would result."

Admiral Meux

Admiral Sir Hedworth Meux, recently elected member for Portsmouth, said: "What has the present admiralty done wrong? What is the matter with Sir Henry Jackson? What is his fault? I will tell you what his fault is. He does not advertise. He does not have correspondents and newspaper people in his office all day. During the first few months of the war whenever he

had a success, and if the enemy had a slight failure, the whole of the navy was pained by vulgar boasting. When the navy reads the speech of the first lord it will say that at last it has a ruler who does not grate upon its nerves."

Other members protested against such a contest in the House of Commons, and James Hogg, Radical member for East Edinburgh, criticized Col. Churchill for starting a controversy which could not be easily stopped.

A number of other departments of the activities of the admiralty, such as the requisitioning of merchant shipping, training of merchant seamen and air defenses, were subject to discussion, but the committee of the House eventually approved a vote of £50,000 men for the navy and also several appropriations for naval expenditures which had been introduced in this manner in order to avoid giving total amounts.

TRAIN STOPPED BY EXCITED SOLDIERS

Americans Fighting Mexicans
in New Mexico Needed Re-
inforcements, They Said

El Paso, March 9.—Just before daylight a long distance telephone message to the El Paso police from Deming, N. M., containing details of the fighting, brought the first news El Paso had received of the clash between 500 Villa bandits and American soldiers at Columbus, New Mexico, in which several American soldiers and a number of civilians were killed and a number wounded.

This telephone message said the bandits had attacked the depot at Columbus and that United States soldiers were beating them off with machine guns. A little later a telephone message came from Conductor Lumley, of extra freight train 270, on the El Paso & Southwestern railroad, who telephoned to C. A. Danley, chief clerk to the general superintendent, to the effect that he was six miles east of Columbus, en route west, and he was afraid to take the train into the town because of the fighting. He reported that two soldiers had stopped his train with the declaration that fighting was going on between Mexican bandits and soldiers near Columbus. The soldiers told him they were in need of reinforcements. The conductor said the two soldiers had dashed up to the train greatly excited.

To Learn Facts

Mr. Danley ordered the conductor to cut the train in two and proceed on the locomotive to Columbus, or as near as he could get without endangering himself and his crew, to ascertain further facts. The train crew carries a telephone, which was used to notify Mr. Danley of the trouble and which could be used to send further details. Lieut. Shallenberger, aide to Major-General J. J. Pershing, in command of the American forces at the border, received information early to-day of the fighting. The lieutenant's information came in fragments, but he gathered that Mexican bandits during the night had attacked the railroad station at Columbus, had burned the depot and the coal chutes and men fired upon the American soldiers who had returned the fire.

Lieut. Shallenberger was inclined to doubt that the American forces were in need of reinforcements, and thought the two soldiers who talked to Conductor Lumley were unduly excited, as there is a full regiment (the 13th Cavalry) at Columbus, under command of Colonel Slocum. The regiment has four machine guns. Lieut. Shallenberger said plenty of troops were available at Fort Bliss to be sent to the scene if needed.

Wilson Heard of Raid

Washington, March 9.—The first reports of the Mexican raid on Columbus were received at the White House while President Wilson was having his first conference with Newton D. Baker, the new secretary of war. Officials admitted that the raid put a very serious aspect on the Mexican situation.

While the policy of the administration so far has been to look to the Carranza forces to deal with bandits, some officials declared to-day that it was a grave question whether such a raid as that on Columbus was not sufficient evidence of the inability of the Carranza government to deal with the situation to warrant sending American troops over the line.

Further Outrages Expected

The raid started a new agitation in Congress, where those who have opposed the administration's Mexican policy openly charged that the attack was proof of their repeated declarations that the Carranza government was impotent and a fulfillment of their predictions that another outrage like the recent Carrizal massacre, in which 16 or more Americans were killed by Villa bandits, was only a question of time.

Dias in New Orleans

Washington, March 9.—State department agents have been informed that Felix Diaz, the Mexican revolutionary leader, is hiding in New Orleans, and upon their information they are sure that he has not landed in Mexico with an armed expedition, as had been stated.

Three Americans Hanged

Columbus, N. M., March 9.—Arthur McKinney, foreman of the Palomas



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WHISKY STILL FOR PURPOSES OF WAR

Lloyd George Taking Over All
Patent Stills in Brit-
ish Isles

London, March 9.—Teetotalers and prohibitionists hail with joy the intimation by Rt. Hon. David Lloyd George, minister of munitions, that all patent whisky stills in the British Isles will be taken over by the government for war work until the end of the war, to be used for the production of certain of the ingredients of explosives.

There will be no shortage of whisky, however. The distillers say they have stocks in bond quite sufficient to supply the normal consumption in this country for at least three years. They also point out that unless the war should come to a sudden end their supply would last four years owing to the lessened consumption due to the restricted sales under the present law.

Only about a dozen of the biggest distilleries in Scotland come under the category of patent stills. In the year ended March last there were distilled in Scotland 28,000,000 gallons and there were in stock 113,000,000. There are many of the other type of still or pot stills not likely to be taken over by the government. In these the fermented liquor obtained from the barley is boiled in a pot. The escaping vapor passes through a pipe where it condenses as spirit, but it is impure and has to be distilled again. The patent still is a complicated apparatus which, with the application of steam works quickly and requires no second distillation.

TORY PAPER SEES GATHERING STORM

Prince Rupert Evening Empire
Calls on Bowser to
Drop Out

Prince Rupert, March 9.—The Evening Empire (Conservative), which is controlled by ex-Mayor Newton, calls for the holding of a provincial convention to redress the fortunes of the Conservative party in British Columbia. It calls upon Mr. Bowser to sacrifice himself as leader, even if all the charges against him are groundless rather than lose the cause of the party, and it declares that a new leader is the only hope of saving the Conservative cause. Sir Charles Herbert Tupper is suggested in this connection.

EIGHTEEN KILLED BY ZEPPELINS ON SUNDAY

London, March 9.—It was announced last night that since the Zeppelin raid last Sunday five of the persons injured have died. A revised list of the casualties gives the killed as 9 men, 4 women and 5 children, and the injured as 21 men, 22 women and 4 children.

FLOODS IN ENGLAND

London, March 9.—Hundreds have been made homeless and thousands of acres of farm land in Southwestern England inundated as a result of the overflowing of rivers caused by continued heavy snowfalls.

ranch; William Corbett and James O'Neill, captured by Villa on Tuesday, were hanged and their bodies burned, according to information received here to-day. The hanging occurred when the bandits raided the cattle herd of the Bosques Grandes ranch.

ANOTHER WEAPON HELD BY ENTENTE

Allies Have About Half of
World's Total Wheat
Crop in 1915

London, March 9.—Great Britain and her allies have gone into the wheat business on a very extensive scale, the governments themselves buying vast stocks of wheat—200,000 tons in Australia at a cost of \$15,000,000; 250,000 tons in Argentina at a cost of \$20,000,000 and the whole remaining crop of Roumania at \$50,000,000—in all about \$85,000,000, probably the largest bulk expenditure for wheat ever made.

This is a new departure—governments buying up the wheat supply. It has a special interest to the United States for two reasons, namely:

First—The rate of American exchange, which went so strongly against Britain last fall, is dependent on keeping down imports of American wheat, cotton and other products. In this way the balance of trade will not be so heavily against Britain as it was last fall; the drain of gold to meet that balance will not be so heavy, and the exchange rate will remain steady. One of the highest officials of the government told the Associated Press, when the rate of exchange was for Britain to stop buying wheat in the United States and buy it instead in Canada, Australia and elsewhere. He intimated strongly, too, that this would be done; and apparently it has been done, although the Corn Exchange is flooding the London press with queries as to why these government purchases are made.

A Grain Weapon

Second—Irrespective of the exchange rate, the government purchase of wheat discloses the tremendous weapon which Britain, France, Russia and Italy possess in the control of that fundamental food product. As it stands now, these five countries of the entente have an enormous stock of wheat, about one half of the total world's crop of 1915; the neutral countries come next with about half as much as the five entente nations possess, and the central powers come last with a comparatively insignificant stock of the great food staple. A rough summary showing the wheat holdings of the various groups is as follows:

Five entente powers, 323,452,000 quarters.

Neutral countries, 159,181,000 quarters.

Central powers, 56,729,000 quarters. This is the five entente powers have the bulk of the world's wheat supply, and are buying up a good deal of the neutrals' share, while the central powers have about one-sixth the supply of their opponents with little chance of buying from neutrals of getting it delivered if bought.

According to Groups.

The details of wheat holdings by the two war groups, and by the neutrals, can be figured out approximately from reports obtained through the Corn Exchange. While not official, the figures are published in the leading organs of the exchange, as compiled from all available sources, including official.

Re-arranged according to groups in the present war for this is a struggle between war groups—the stocks of wheat, in quarters, are as follows:

Five entente powers—France, 32,000,000; Algeria and Tunisia, 5,700,000; United Kingdom, 5,100,000; India, 4,722,000; Canada, 42,000,000; Egypt and the Cape, 5,200,000; Australia, 22,200,000; New Zealand, 1,000,000; Italy, 21,250,000; Russia, 133,000,000; Japan, 2,950,000. Total, 323,452,000 quarters.

Neutrals—Spain, 17,000,000; Portugal, 500,000; Roumania, 11,250,000; Greece, 500,000; Holland, 711,000; Switzerland, 485,000; Sweden, 1,900,000; Denmark, 955,000; United States, 128,440,000; Mexico, 400,000; Argentina, 24,000,000; Chile, 2,000,000; Uruguay, 1,300,000; Peru, 600,000; Persia, 1,700,000. Total, 159,181,000 quarters.

Central powers—Germany, 20,000,000; Austria, 7,500,000; Hungary, 18,950,000; Croatia and Slavonia, 1,500,000; Bosnia and Herzegovina, 500,000; Bulgaria, 5,

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785,000; Serbia, 1,500,000; Belgium, 1,000,000. Total, 56,729,000 quarters.

Other Factors

There are, of course, other factors operating in this war game which affect the foregoing stocks of the various countries. Russia's vast stock is practically sealed up, and while it can supply her own army and people, it cannot get out through the Dardanelles, or westward across the Austro-German lines, or northward through the iceports and the German Baltic fleet. Belgium's stock, also, while controlled by the German occupants of the country, is by arrangement used for internal needs. So that these and some other small grain-producing countries are out of the world's fluctuations of grain, as the food-weapon of warfare.

The recent government purchases in Australia and Argentina are referred to in an official statement, which says the British and French governments purchased 200,000 tons of wheat from Australia, the share of the British government being 50,000 tons. The Argentine purchase, the statement says, was 250,000 tons by the British government. At the prevailing rate this would be about \$15,000,000 for the Australian and \$20,000,000 for the Argentine supplies. Details of the Roumanian purchase are given in letters from Bucharest, stating that Sir George Barclay, the British minister, signed the purchase contract, which the British legation announced was made in behalf of the government. The purchase covered 80,000 carloads at 128 per carload, or a total of 10,240,000 (\$50,000,000).

A Method of Warfare

Aside from its effect on the American exchange rate, this gathering in of huge stocks of grain appears to be one

of the modern methods of warfare, as a reserve food defence for the armies and population, and as another means of wearing down the enemy by shortening his food resources. This has been urged in the past, notably by Mr. Yarbrough, M. P., who claimed that a wheat reserve was as essential as a first line of defence for an insular country like Britain. It is to be cut off from the food supplies on which it is absolutely dependent. The British navy of course has been the encircling protection against this possibility. And yet it appears to be accepted as a wise precaution that a great wheat reserve should be built up as against any eventuality, just as much as a gold reserve. The wheat reserve of London has been running very low of late, being only one-third what it was a year ago, and there is about the same falling off at the 15 great ports of the country. So that this new policy of government wheat purchase is going into operation with the double purpose of gradually building up a great defensive wheat reserve, and incidentally keeping down the rate of American exchange.

"FLORODORA" AT DUNCAN FOR RED CROSS SOCIETY

Duncan, March 9.—The Red Cross benefited to the extent of about \$40 as a result of the presentation of "Florodora" in the opera house here by Mr. Stuart Whyte's company. The piece was put on in a manner which called forth warm praise from the large audience, which included a considerable sprinkling of the soldiers stationed in this district. The expenses in connection with the event were heavy, but the result justified the efforts of those who are working so hard in behalf of the Red Cross.

ANOTHER USE FOUND FOR THE BOY SCOUT

London, March 9.—Boy Scouts have been introduced into many English homes to take the place of parlor maids. This is one of the attempts made here to circumvent the servant problem brought about by the war. Butlers and footmen have discarded their liveries and donned khaki, while thousands of young women who used to earn their living as servants have gone to serve the country, and incidentally, to earn better wages, as munition workers. In searching about for a solution of the problem some ingenious housewives hit upon the idea of employing Boy Scouts, with the result that the practice is becoming popular. The Boy Scout waits at table, cleans the silver and answers the door. He looks very smart in his uniform and, his scout training makes him an efficient and satisfactory substitute for the parlor maid.

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VILLA'S RAID.

The transparent, immediate object of Villa's sensational raid on Columbus was to provoke armed American intervention in Mexico, thereby involving the Carranza administration in war and inevitable ruin. We are not certain that he will not succeed, for if this murderous affair does not arouse the white-heated wrath of the American people and cause a demand for instant, drastic action by their administration, nothing will. Apparently Carranza cannot do anything; his soldiers ran away when Villa's assassins appeared, and it would seem that unless the government takes prompt action the American settlers near the Mexican border will have to evacuate their own territory, a humiliating recourse which ought to be avoided at all costs. The argument of those opposed to intervention in Mexico that if Americans wish to escape trouble they should leave that country cannot apply to the situation raised by the attack on Columbus. New Mexico is American territory, and unless the nation is indifferent to a sacrifice of its sovereign rights it must protect these people with all the resources at its command.

It is difficult to escape the suspicion, too, that there is a deeper conspiracy behind Villa's activities. It is well known that German agents have been seeking to embroil the United States with Mexico. Great Britain now holds as prisoner an embassy of Berlin who was involved in the plot, of which Washington has incontrovertible proof. The audacity of Villa's coup and the particular juncture in the submarine crisis between the United States and Berlin at which it was timed, are strongly presumptive of German intrigue. Whatever may be the fact, Washington has in the Mexican imbroglio a problem on its hands that cannot be settled by a tedious interchange of notes.

AFRAID TO INVESTIGATE.

The burden of Sir Robert Borden's speech opposing the proposal of Sir Wilfrid Laurier for a parliamentary inquiry into the operations of the former Shell Committee is that this body performed its task so well that it did not need investigation. This is a departure from the government's attitude enunciated by Mr. Meighen, Solicitor-General, some time ago. That gentleman advanced the cynical view that as the Shell Committee was acting for the Imperial Government its activities were of no concern to the Canadian Parliament. It was a contemptible argument, ignoring the fact that the Shell Committee had been appointed by the Canadian authorities on the request of the British Government and implying that Canada's Parliament could be indifferent to investigations because British taxpayers had to pay for what it ordered.

It is absurd for Sir Robert Borden to argue that the Shell Committee performed its work so admirably that no inquiry by the Canadian Parliament is needed. Aside altogether from the charges that have been levelled against the committee, the enormous profits made by manufacturers under its fostering care, the admitted award without tender of large contracts by the members of the committee to firms with which they were connected and other generally known facts, it is as much the duty of parliament to investigate the expenditure of millions of British money under the auspices of a Canadian department as it is to inquire into the expenditure of Canadian money by the Public Accounts Committee.

The fact that contracts for machining 15-pound shells ranged from \$5.15 down to \$2.90 alone is sufficient to call for an inquiry. It is well known that the figure of \$2.90 permits a very substantial profit on the manufacturing cost. Yet hundreds of thousands were ordered at \$5.15. Baron Thomas (then

Mr. Thomas) was sent to Canada by Mr. Lloyd George to look into the committee's operations, and he insisted upon its disbandment and the constitution of another body in its place.

It is not because the Shell Committee discharged its duties so well that the Prime Minister is opposing a parliamentary investigation of its operations, but because he and his supporters fear the political effect of the disclosures that they know would be made. Among the very early decisions reached by the government caucus a day or two after parliament assembled was one opposing any investigation of the Shell Committee, the reason given publicly being that its affairs were none of Canada's business. It was not the real reason. That caucus was sharply in conflict with ninety-five per cent. of the press of the country and the great majority of the government's own newspaper supporters, who have repeatedly reminded Sir Robert Borden that he and his colleagues are the custodians of this nation's honor and that as such it is their duty to authorize an investigation. No statesman big enough for the post of Prime Minister of the Dominion at such a critical time as this would hesitate for an instant. Canada, unhappily, is still ruled by the Rogers school.

NOT TEARING HIS HAT.

An attaché at one of the entente embassies at Washington cabled his embassy in Paris for information regarding Verdun. The reply to his message was "Don't worry; Joffre is not tearing his hat." The reports in the last twenty-four hours certainly do not call for any apprehension. The Germans have been unable to advance farther against the Bethincourt-Cumieres line northwest of Verdun, although they have made repeated attempts to do so. The net result up to noon today was the loss of an important part of the Corbeaux wood occupied by them on Tuesday. Last night they renewed their attempts against the fortress and village of Vaux southeast of Douaumont, all northeast of Verdun. The fury of their attack carried them into the fort and village, but the French counter-stroke drove them out. Berlin claims to have the fort and neighboring positions, but Paris declares that the enemy was "completely defeated." The Berlin report evidently was issued before the French counter-attack was launched. German generals would rather take poison than report a failure to headquarters until they were convinced it could not be redeemed. This is the nineteenth day of the German offensive in the Verdun region and their losses must have exceeded 15,000 per day. Whatever they may accomplish now, they cannot gain any lasting advantage.

UNPLEASANT FOR GERMANY.

Germany is welcome to all the comfort she can extract from two interesting and significant political developments affecting her own vital interests during the last two or three days. Congress at Washington has served notice that it will not interfere with the administration's negotiations over the submarine issue, and by a large majority has recorded itself in favor of a free hand for the national executive in meeting the situation, up to the breaking point at any rate. Moreover, the administration's attitude has become firmer and more consistent with its declaration of February, 1915, with in the last month or so, than it has been in any time since the subject became acute. This, undoubtedly, is due to a realization of the danger of its hesitating, ambiguous course, which was interpreted by Germany as an evidence of weakness and fear. The president's letter to Senator Stone and his recent speeches show that he is now alive to the fact, whatever he may have been before, that there is a limit to forbearance beyond which lies disaster; that unless there can be peace with honor peace is not worth striving for.

The other significant incident which probably created a cold draught at the Wilhelmstrasse was the vote in the Italian parliament yesterday. From this proceeding Germany undoubtedly had been anticipating pleasant results. For months Prince von Bülow, Prince von Hohenloë and other astute intrigues had been scheming at Lucerne for the detachment of Italy from the entente group. German agents and sympathizers within had been abetting their efforts, their particular objective being the downfall of the Salandra ministry and the elevation of the Teutonic Giolitti element. Salandra, like President Wilson, decided to take the bull by the horns and find out precisely where his policy stood. Yesterday the Italian parliament recorded its confidence in the government by a vote of 285 to 25. This was a more severe blow to Germany than the loss of a battle would have been. It shows that the conspirators in Switzerland have been wasting their time, and that they might as well abandon hope of creating a breach in their enemies in that quarter.

CHURCHILL'S STRICTURES.

We question if Mr. Churchill's criticism of the navy administration caused any disquiet among the British public, but if it did, Mr. Balfour's reply at once allayed it. The sharpness of the First Lord's response can be easily understood in view of the source from which the attack came. If there is one public man who ought to keep his mouth tightly closed on the subject of the navy that man is Mr. Churchill, whose harum-scarum whims and caprices cost the nation half a dozen serviceable ships and some thousands of lives at the Dardanelles and might have caused losses much more vital had he not been removed from office. His recommendation that Lord Fisher be reappointed to the head of the admiralty is another typical exhibition of the Churchill gall. It was because of Mr. Churchill that Lord Fisher left the admiralty. He and the other great sailors found it difficult to get on with a mercurial, self-assertive civilian who imagined he was charged with the technical direction of the fleet.

Mr. Churchill belongs to the neurotic school whose exponents regard the war as a spectacle and would apply their own temperamental peculiarities to its conduct. They are everlastingly calling for "action," more bent upon dramatic coups that impress the world than upon striking really effective blows. They are not satisfied with a situation, which in its effect is tantamount to a naval victory every day and which could not be improved one iota if the whole German High Seas Fleet were at the bottom. They would have British ships rushing the mine-strewn waters of Heligoland, where, of course, they would be torpedoed or destroyed by mines by the dozens. That school had its final say as far as the navy was concerned at the Dardanelles, and we imagine the entire country and its allies heaved a sigh of thankfulness when the cool, far-sighted, steel-tempered Balfour succeeded the impulsive, erratic Churchill. On land that school never had any influence. It was kept at a distance by Joffre, Kitchener and the other great military chieftains on the entente side. From the very nature of things this must be a war of attrition. Had the "action" school been in command on land and sea Germany probably would have won it a year ago. When the time for action comes there will be no freak adventures or sensational gallop plays, but a deliberately prepared and coldly-calculated stroke which will reach a decisive spot. But that spot cannot be reached until the enemy is sufficiently weakened to expose it and the enemy happens to be a combination with a population of 125,000,000 endowed by nature with an extraordinary favorable strategic situation which no amount of nervous enterprises could overcome. Spectacular adventures with banners flying and bands playing cannot win this war.

The substance of Germany's demands is that as submarines are frail and tender craft capable of being sunk by a single blow from a shell of small calibre or by a slight impact from a craft of any kind even though mounting a single gun, that they must be permitted to exercise their sneaking and murderous purposes with immunity from attack of any description. Merchant ships, if sighted must not attempt to escape or strike a blow in self-defence. They must surrender incontinently and permit themselves to be "peacefully" blown up and passengers and crew must take their chances of escape regardless of where the "battle" shall occur or the condition of the weather. In short, the supremacy of the submarine as an instrument of naval warfare must be recognized as a principle of international law. The Hohenzollerns and the Hapsburgs have decreed it, and the United States is ordered to maintain it. Which brings us back to Colonel Watterston's opinion of the Hohenzollerns and Hapsburgs.

Sir Robert Borden's Secretary of State announced in the House of Commons a few days ago without "bating an eyelash" that the "patronage system" as it was practised before the general elections of 1911 is not carried out by the present administration. The tender system is rigidly adhered to by all departments except in cases where it would mean the waste of money. Take the case of the coal contracts in Victoria. There, we suppose, the system of contracts was rigidly adhered to, or if it was deviated from it was because to stick to it would have meant a waste of money! Doubtless the late "honorary secretary" of the Conservative Association will vehemently support the assertion of the Secretary of State.

Mr. Miller says that if there is any graft in connection with the administration of our affairs he would like to know it. We welcome the member's new-born solicitude in the cause of honest government, but think it is a pity he did not manifest as much concern on this point during the session which followed the payment of the

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\$50,000 rake-off in connection with the Kilsbarno Reserve. Of course he might not have considered that transaction as being covered by his definition of graft. In that case, however, he never will be convinced, no matter how strong the disclosures may be.

Returning Officer H. W. R. Moore rises to explain that it was he who killed "piggy." Admitting that it was his deft hand which administered the deadly blow, why was it necessary to hush up the facts of a case which manifestly should have been investigated by the civil courts? And what has a court-martial to do with an offence committed against the election laws of the province?

Yon Bernstorff evidently assumes that a Mexican problem of his creation is quite as much as the United States can handle. At that it will not be the first time that a Hun has expressed in his own insolent way his opinion of the country which has treated him with a generosity far beyond his deserts.

The president of the United States is finding out that it is a dangerous thing and a troublesome for any nation to permit the idea to get about that "it is too proud to fight," or in other words, to protect with force it necessary the lives of its citizens.

An American contemporary suggests that the next note from Germany will demand that orphan asylums shall not be permitted to attack Zeppelins without warning.

IN THE FACE OF PRUSSIAN THREATS.

Boston Transcript.
All Americans who desire to choose for themselves, dispassionately and in the light of information, between the traditional position maintained for their government by President Wilson at the insistence of the Republicans in congress and against the advice of his own party, and the altogether new and unprecedented position into which the Democrats in congress would compel the government to retreat in the face of Prussian threats and in search of the political support of misguided constituents or of aliens masquerading as citizens, owe it to themselves to study the history of the doctrine upon which the issue is joined. It would be a misfortune for any American, worthy of citizenship to permit his judgment of this controversy to be warped by ignorance of the facts, or his view of its significance to be distorted by a cowardly or a sordid dread of war.

GERMANY'S NAVAL CHANCES.

Record and Mail (Scotland).
If this country were to take the overwhelming degree of its naval supremacy for granted it would be courting disaster. The Germans can no more acquiesce in their defeats at sea than can we in our defeats on land. We know what we have done in the military sense to make up for it; it would be folly to think that the Germans have not made a like attempt in supplementing their naval forces. Fortunately for us, they have not the resources to make us fear anything on the score of quantity, especially since our own yards of greatly superior capacity have been used to the utmost.

GERMANY'S COLLAPSE.

New York Herald.
The upward movement in Capel Court toward the close of last week, as recorded in our special cable dispatch, was doubtless inspired by a conviction that the German drive toward Verdun was due to desperation over the rapidly approaching economic and financial collapse of the Teutonic empire.

SEVERAL WASHOUTS ON MAINLAND LINES

(Continued from page 1.)

C. N. Wires Down.

Similar troubles have occurred on the C. N. P. R. line at points east of Port Mann but particulars are lacking, as the company's wires are all down. The westbound express due here yesterday afternoon is stalled either in the Fraser valley or along the Fraser canyon. It was running behind schedule time yesterday morning, and has

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TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO TO-DAY

Victoria Times, March 9, 1891.

The Chinese cabins on the site of the new market buildings were destroyed by fire, controlled by Chief Deasy, to-day.

A large grey eagle seized an Indian child near the wharf at Plumper's Pass on Saturday, but the war whoops of the youngster soon made the would-be child-eater let go, and W. T. Collinson shot the bird at long range.

Mr. J. A. Sayward, who returned from San Francisco by the Walla Walla this morning, brought up with him a thoroughbred trotting stallion "Christmas," which he bought from Senator Stanford's Palo Alto ranch.

DISHONESTY NO LONGER CLEVER

"You can fool some of the people all of the time, and all of the people some of the time," said P. T. Barnum.

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Red Cross Raffle.—The holder of ticket No. 199 in the raffle for the oil-painting of Field-Marshal French and General Joffre, painted by J. Sonnichsen, may obtain the picture by applying at the Superfluous store, Belmont house.

The raffle was held yesterday under Red Cross auspices, and in aid of the funds of that society.

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King's Daughters "At Home."—The nurses of the King's Daughters' hospital, Duncan, will be at home on Saturday, March 18, from 3 to 5 p.m. The occasion will be in the nature of a "lunch shower," and it is hoped that friends of the institution will show their interest by attending the function and contributing to the linen stores of the hospital.

Women's Institute.—The annual meeting of the Garden City Women's Institute was held at the residence of Mrs. Howe on Wednesday, March 8. The attendance was not as large as hoped for owing to the weather, and the crowded condition of the district. The election of officers took place, Mrs. McLaughlin being re-elected president. Recommendations from the advisory board were read and much interest expressed in the various matters brought before the meeting.

Victoria Nurses' Club.—The following officers were elected for the ensuing year at the annual meeting of the Victoria Nurses' club held on Tuesday afternoon: President, Mrs. Thomas; first vice-president, Miss Tait; second vice-president, Mrs. Thomson; secretary, Miss Batty; assistant secretary, Miss Baxter; treasurer, Mrs. Gregg; assistant treasurer, Mrs. Carruthers; executive committee, Misses Swan, Clark and Macintosh. During the meeting the members had the opportunity of seeing a number of diagrams of No. 5 hospital now at Sagonica, these being shown by Mrs. Hart. A very hearty vote of thanks was passed in favor of Miss E. H. Jones, the retiring president in recognition of her services during the time she had held office.

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MRS. CAROLINE WYLDE

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The death occurred at 3 o'clock this morning, at her residence, 1343 Fort street, of Mrs. Caroline Wyldé at the age of 83 years.

The late Mrs. Wyldé had been a resident of Victoria for about 50 years, and was one of the best known of the old time residents. Her death was due to ailments caused by advanced age, but until almost the last she was active and in full possession of all her faculties, so much so that almost to the end she had continued the sewing which she constantly did for charitable societies in later years.

The late Mrs. Wyldé was born in Sussex, Eng., and was married many years ago to Capt. Charles S. Wyldé, with whom she went to California; round the Horn in the days of the gold rush. They afterwards left California and reached Victoria about 50 years ago.

The late Mrs. Wyldé was engaged at Yale and later in Victoria in the customs department, and after his death Mrs. Wyldé did not leave Victoria.

For some years the deceased had been more or less an invalid, and for ten years had not been into the business part of Victoria at all, finding peace and contentment in her home life, and her charitable work. She was widely known as one of the most kindly, generously disposed and lovable old ladies in Victoria. She had many friends who to-day are mourning her death.

There are five children: Mrs. R. S. Byrn, Victoria; Mrs. Spence-Ceehan, who is residing in England; the Misses Kate and "Tessie" Wyldé, Victoria; Charles Foster Wyldé, Fairbanks, who was visiting his mother ten days ago, and Albert Wyldé, Victoria.

The funeral will take place on Saturday.

GORDON HEAD GROWERS HEAR SPECIALISTS

Meetings Are Being Held To-day on Subjects of Interest to Berry Raisers

Two meetings of considerable interest to the strawberry growers of Gordon Head and district are arranged for to-day. The first is in progress this afternoon, the latter will convene this evening.

The meetings are jointly arranged by the Victoria Farmers' Institute and the Gordon Head Fruit Growers' Association, under the auspices of the department of agriculture.

The speakers for the afternoon are: A. H. Flack, prairie fruit inspector, on "Strawberries of the Prairie Markets"; R. C. Abbott, coast markets commissioner, on "Vancouver Market for Island Strawberries."

The speakers for the evening will be: Edwin Smith, Dominion cold storage expert, on "Pre-cooling Strawberries for Prairie Shipments"; R. M. Winslow, prairie horticulturist, on "Marketing," and R. E. Treherne, Dominion field entomologist, on "Control of Pear Thrips and Strawberry Weevil."

Messrs. Flack and Smith have had experience in British Columbia, as well as in the east, along the lines on which they are speaking. The importance of placing a higher quality of fruit on the prairie markets, and in packages which are most desirable to the prairie consumer is easily appreciated.

Mr. Treherne was here last summer to examine the strawberry weevil during the fruiting season, following his technical examination in the Mission berry district of the method in which the roots are attacked.

Given Six Months.—James Valley to-day was found guilty in police court of having committed an indecent assault on a child of seven years old. The magistrate commented upon the middle-age of the accused and the painful nature of the offence, and sentenced him to six months in jail.

Ward One Liberals.—A meeting of Ward One Liberals association will be held in the Liberal rooms, Arcade building, to-morrow evening. The chief business before the meeting is to consider the resignation of the president, Dr. Melbourne Raynor, who is to go on active service as medical officer of the 143rd Battalion, B. C. Bantams.

"Engaged to four girls at once?" exclaimed the horrified uncle. "How do you explain such shameless conduct?" "I don't know," said the graceless nephew, "unless Cupid shot at me with a machine gun."

The lawyer was endeavoring to pump some free advice out of the doctor. "Which side is best to lie on, Doc?" "The side that pays you the retainer."

GOODWIN RECITAL GREAT MUSICAL TREAT

Three Visiting Artists Responsible for Fine Rendition of Interesting Programme

That patrons of the Wilmet Goodwin recital, given at the Alexandra hall last evening under the auspices of the King's Daughters, were both surprised and delighted at the rare quality of musical entertainment provided by the three visiting artists is only very moderately expressing the general feeling of the audience at the close of the concert. None of the artists has previously been heard in Victoria, but they have already indelibly impressed themselves in the minds of those who were present last evening, and everyone is looking forward with keen pleasure to the second recital which they are to give at the same hall to-night.

There were twenty-two numbers on the programme, and it is no exaggeration to say that technically each of these was almost beyond criticism. Mr. Goodwin was himself responsible for no less than thirteen of the numbers, and in a wide variety of compositions ranging from Beethoven and Mozart to old Irish and Scotch songs, found ample scope for the revelation of his magnificent baritone. A very engaging and magnetic personality was by no means negligible in his success, but coupled with this is a voice of extraordinary range, sweetness and power, which he used with the ease of a finished artist.

It would be impossible here to analyse in detail the merits of such a delightful entertainment. Outstanding examples of Mr. Goodwin's varied gift for interpretation were to be found in the stately and reverential "Nature's Adoration," by Beethoven; "Ballet," "When the Flame of Love Consumes," in which passion rather than tenderness; the Yeoman's "Wedding Song" (Poniatowski) and Bedouin Love Song by Chadwick, compositions somewhat alike musically; and the Irish ballad, "There was Impersonation of quite an extraordinary kind in this last and, on more modified scale, one or two of the others."

Mr. Goodwin has his voice so completely under control that he is histrionic vocally as well as technically, and converts the whole quality of his tone at will to suit the interpretation. Warmth and vigor of voice are beautifully coupled with a fine mentality, apparent in the rendering of each composition, and these many attributes made of each of his songs a thing distinctive and memorable.

Maurice Warner, the violinist, is endowed with gifts which have been only two scantily heralded. A pupil of the great Leopold Auer, of Petrograd, he may say a great deal for his perfection of interpretation and technique to his master. But the personality of the player is a thing apart, and in the several difficult compositions which were played last evening there was marked individuality of a most appealing kind. Interpretatively his playing is marked by sincerity, profound feeling, and delicacy of understanding, while in technique he is irreproachable. Silky smooth there is also wonderful articulation, if such a word can be applied to violin playing, in his performance of the first of the two Brahms-Joachim Hungarian dances given last evening.

The Cooperin-Kreisler "La Precieuse" was notable for the purity of tone, feathery lightness of execution, and acute sensitiveness to the poetry of the composition. In sharp contrast as a composition was the difficult Goldmark Aria from Concerto Op. 23, which demonstrated another phase of his powers for interpretation, and in the Sgambati "Serenata Napoletana" were exquisite daintiness, wistful happiness, perfectly portrayed in the most faultless phrasing and execution. Victoria will have to wait years to listen to a more vital or more aesthetic violinist than Mr. Warner.

Very arduous duties fall to the share of Mr. Cronican, who in the capacity of sole pianist and accompanist for the violinist and vocalist was at the piano the whole evening. The rather thankless task of opening the programme fell to Mr. Cronican, who, however, succeeded in arresting the attention of his audience with his thoughtful performance of the Gounod-Liszt Faust Valse, the many difficult passages of which he executed cleverly. In view of the character of the composition it is rather a pity that it did not come further down the programme, however. Paderewski's "Variations in A" is a work which makes demands of a peculiarly difficult kind on the technical skill of the performer, but the pianist proved himself quite equal to these. Perhaps the most pleasing of his numbers from the popular standpoint was "Cyril Scott's 'Dance Negre,'" his rendering of which was brilliant. As a virtuoso Mr. Cronican deserved the highest praise, and both as soloist and accompanist he contributed greatly to one of the most enjoyable musical evenings that the city has had the opportunity of hearing for several years.

Messrs. Goodwin, Warner and Cronican will give a second programme to-night at the Alexandra hall.

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DECLARES CRITICS LACK INFORMATION

Frank Higgins Replies to Observations Concerning V. and I. Development Association.

"I notice that the criticism of this organization in developing the city and district comes from people who never spend one cent in advertising the city themselves, men who were never known to dig into their pockets or spend anything to bring people here. People who only stay in Victoria have no conception of the value of the publicity done by this association, as we of the Rotary club learnt in San Francisco. We know how it is valued from the outside, by the people who come here to spend money. This organization is managed by the most representative body in the city. I repeat that the people who criticize are not in a position to judge, and this criticism of public spirited men who were giving their time is unfair. Why should we be retarded by anybody?"

The speaker was Frank Higgins, past president of the Rotary club, at a meeting held yesterday afternoon with a view to planning before members of the city council the case for the continuation of the grant of \$7,000 in aid of the maintenance of the Victoria and Island Development Association.

The chief supporters of the grant in aid were E. B. Andros, who thought the amount of the grant could be rightly increased, James Hunter, president of the Rotary club, and J. L. Beckwith, who introduced the resolution, all of the members which claimed that the tourist attractions of the city must be brought to the attention of that large body of moneyed people who were looking for homes amid comfortable surroundings.

Alexander Watchman and John Day spoke for the Trades and Labor council, and D. W. Poupard for the Retail Employees organization in favor of the grant. Mr. Poupard pointing out that his organization was composed of men and women employed in stores, and the only way their employment could be continuous was by introducing wealthy people here who could make their purchases in Victoria.

E. C. B. Bagshaw also spoke on the value of the association from a business standpoint, saying that as a real estate man the amount of business introduced had been considerable from the efforts of the association.

There were a few minor criticisms with regard to large overhead expenses of the association.

Commissioner Cuthbert presented the report of the association which dealt with a number of matters. Most of these details have been elaborated from time to time, and the commissioner was able to assemble a mass of information about the multifarious activities of the association which appeared favorably to impress the meeting.

Among the points emphasized were the value of free publicity secured by the association, work at San Francisco Exposition, advertising in the prairie provinces, automobile facilities for American travellers, and industrial stimulus accorded through the efforts of the special committee. References to seed culture and wool growing in this district were also made.

The prospect for the 1916 tourist season was excellent, the commissioner said.

In a summary of the advertising work done by the association last year, it was said that 169,000 pieces of matter had been issued, advertisements inserted in 1,100 newspapers throughout Canada, and the United States, 1,250 display posters sent to every post office in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, 1,100 posters sent to every long-distance telephone office in the above three provinces, 3,500 posters sent to the railway offices of the three transcontinental railways in those provinces, and 25,000 special folders, sent to every railway office in Western Canada. Two thousand letters, enclosing sample booklet had been sent to railway offices throughout the United States, and booklets and printed matter distributed to all the large railway companies in America doing business in the west, through the general passenger agents of each road. Also there had been the distribution of literature in every hotel and information office on the Pacific coast, and 40,000 pieces of literature distributed in San Francisco.

In addition to this effort, 3,404 personal letters had been written from the office, and 10,272 parcels of literature had been sent out. It was hard to determine the actual amount of benefit which had accrued from this campaign, but the increased business might be pointed to. The enormous increase in tourist business last year might be estimated as follows: 135,000 passengers left the boats in Victoria, many of them only for two hours, but a fair proportion remaining longer, and from 1,500 to 3,000 visitors to Victoria from the Northwest during this winter.

The commissioner said in conclusion: "We can honestly say that no effort has been spared to accomplish what we exist for. No money has been wasted; no expenditure has been incurred without being authorized, and we thoroughly believe that we have merited the support and confidence of not only the city council, but of the citizens of Victoria."

Guzler: "I met Tusklat this morning. It was a treat simply to listen to him." Flubdub: "What did he say that was so interesting?" Guzler: "Asked me what I'd have."

Stranger: "Have you a good hair tonic you can recommend? Druggist (prohibition town): "Here is something that is spoken of very favorably by the people who have drunk it."

ALLEGED PERSONATOR BEFORE MAGISTRATE

James Welsh Is Up for Trial and Evidence is Given for Both Sides; Case Remanded

The trial of James Welsh on a charge of personation at the recent by-election was begun this morning in the police court before Magistrate Jay. The prisoner was undefended, and pleaded not guilty.

The charge is that he presented himself at the polling booth in which the voters whose names begin with the letter W voted, and that he applied for a ballot paper in the name of Joseph Ward.

George Sangster, who acted as an agent for the Liberal candidate on polling day, identified the accused as the man who had come in and asked for a ballot in the name of Ward. He was rather under the influence of liquor at the time, Mr. Sangster said, and was removed by the constable on duty at the polling place after he had refused to be sworn and then refused to vote.

The accused was very curious to know the exact time he had gone into the booth, and did not think it was between six and seven as given by the witness.

The Liberal scrutineer in the adjoining booth, who had been free during the time Welsh was in the adjoining booth and saw the whole happening, as well as hearing some of the remarks which passed, positively identified Welsh as the man who had been in there and who was removed by the constable, without having been given a ballot paper, saying that he didn't have a vote anyway.

Welsh had no questions to ask this witness, but said his face was known to him, and that he had seen him sitting at the end of the table in the next booth.

Albert Onions, scrutineer for the Liberal candidate at the booth at which Welsh presented himself, stated that the man had asked for a ballot in the name of Joseph Ward, 729 Humboldt street, longshoreman, whose name on the list was 3481. He knew the man's face well, having seen him working about the outer wharf, and challenged him when he appeared in the name of Ward. Welsh refused to take the oath, and then decided that he would not vote at all. The witness marked "his scrutineer's book" which he produced, "refused to vote," so that if the man presented himself again, even if the right person, he would not be allowed to vote. He saw that the poll clerk's book was also marked in the same way.

Welsh moved out towards the entrance to the booth, Mr. Onions said, and muttered that he wouldn't vote anyway, and he was then taken in charge by the constable. That was the only time he had seen Welsh in the booth. Joseph Ward never applied for a ballot nor did he vote.

The magistrate said he had been handed a certificate that the name of James Welsh, Stewart rooms, longshoreman, being 3,527 on the list, was intended for Welsh. In reply to the magistrate Mr. Onions said that the man whose name was on the list in that number had voted.

To the accused the witness said: "You had drunk about as much as you could manage, but you were not so drunk that you would risk taking the oath; I give you credit for that."

This closed the case for the prosecution. Welsh gave the names of the three witnesses he wanted called as John Morgan of the Northern hotel; Pearl R. Flemming and W. H. Price. The clerk of the court stated that Morgan had been subpoenaed, Flemming was in Vancouver, and Price could not be got.

John Morgan was called, and some lengthy questions were put to him by the accused. From these it appeared that some days before election Welsh asked Morgan if he was on the list, Morgan replied that he thought so, and looked over several Welshes but could not make it out. Welsh saw Morgan a day or two later, and Morgan said he had found it and on election day afternoon he met Welsh and asked him if he had voted.

City Prosecutor Harrison—Was he sober?

Witness—Yes. A. W. Attwood, who was the deputy returning officer at the booth, stated that the accused and another man who was intoxicated came to the booth together, and the accused gave his name as James Welsh, Stewart rooms, and said he had been absent up at Duncan but had returned. He was given a ballot.

Under cross-examination by Mr. Harrison the witness said the James Welsh who voted was challenged and sworn. There was another man who was challenged, but he did not take the oath. This was not the accused. The witness was rather hazy as to the man who had applied for a ballot in the name of Ward. He thought he would know him, but when asked if he was in the courtroom he could not see him. It was not the accused, he said. He did not know whether he made a note in the poll-book of the man refusing to vote; he thought he did but he was not positive.

His worship suggested that the poll book should be produced and Mr. Harrison promised to get it.

Francis E. Osborn, scrutineer for the government candidate, said the accused had come to the booth late in the day and given his name as James Welsh, and he was given a paper to vote. He had not paid much attention to the man who came in and represented himself as Joseph Ward.

"Was I drunk?" asked the accused, and the witness replied that he was not.

Thomas Dunn, machinist, who rooms at the Northern hotel, was poll clerk

at the booth in question. He gave the description of the booth as V to M, and the deputy returning officer prompted him with the true description but was reprimanded by the court.

This witness also was not at all certain what happened. He forgot, he said, whether anyone came in to vote as Ward. One man did not get his ballot during the day. He could not say whether he was challenged. There was another man who was asked to be sworn, but he did not take the oath. One was sworn, got his ballot and voted. The accused voted as James Welsh.

City Prosecutor Harrison—Did Ward get a ballot and vote?

I don't remember.

Was there one came as Ward and didn't get a vote?

Yes.

Did you put any mark against Ward that he refused to vote?

No.

Did you hear one of the scrutineers ask that this be done?

No. It might have been.

Was Welsh sworn?

Yes.

Did Mr. Onions ask that he be sworn?

No.

The other witnesses asked for by Welsh were not present. The accused said all he wanted Pearl Flemming and Harry Price for was to show that he was on the list. When he was locked up he thought it was because he had no vote, and that was why he asked for them, but he did not need them now.

I went to Price's office to make sure I was on the list so I could get a job on the Indian reserve," he added.

The court thought that as the accused had asked for these witnesses he should have them, and they will be summoned. Meanwhile the case is remanded until Saturday.

**BOLD RAID MADE
BY VILLA BANDITS**

(Continued from page 1.)

part of his forces fought the hastily-rallied American troops, Villa is said to have detailed the snipers and house-burners, who flew to their tasks.

Villa's buglers began sounding the retreat shortly before 6 o'clock. Soon afterwards the remaining people of Columbus began to take account of the casualties and losses.

Walton Walker, who was shot at the Central hotel with the proprietor, W. T. Riskey, was a delegate to the New Mexico state convention of Sunday schools. His body was burned in the ruins of the hotel. Mrs. Rachel Walker, also a delegate to the convention from Playas, N. M., was saved by Jolly Garner and his partner, Ben Aguirre, a United States customs border rider, who tied sheets to her arms and lowered her from the window.

Heard the Shots.

Walker was taken from the arms of his wife by one of the bandits who invaded the hotel. Despite her cries and appeals for mercy the bandit told her he wanted her husband to go down stairs and shake hands with his captain. A moment later Mrs. Walker heard the shots that killed her husband and the hotel proprietor. Shortly afterward oil was thrown on the building and a match applied. As the flames spread Garner and Aguirre reached Mrs. Walker's room, rescued her and escaped safely.

A bandit also invaded the Hoover hotel and shots sped through the halls and punctured doors. Throughout the raid the proprietor, W. C. Heever, his wife and two children, who were on the ground floor, escaped the bandit's notice.

Crossed Border.

Major Frank Tompkins, with two troops of the 13th Cavalry, was said to have crossed the border in pursuit of the retreating Mexicans. Troop G, stationed at the border gate south of here, caught the retreating Mexicans on the flank and killed 13. Corporal Wisall, of the same troop, was killed shot through the right eye. Lieut. Beson, of Troop G, was wounded in the left arm. A number of Mexican wounded were taken to the post hospital.

Col. Slocum's revolver was shot out of his hand as he emerged from his quarters. The bullet dented the colonel's weapon, making it useless.

J. J. Moore was shot through the body. He is believed to be fatally wounded.

Complete Surprise.

The attack was a complete surprise, Villa deceiving all the authorities by dispatching a telegram to Hachita, N. M., last night saying he was at the Nogales ranch, in Chihuahua, at least 44 miles away from here. The telegram was signed ostensibly by the American caretaker of the ranch, and stated that Villa was at the ranch house.

All the while, however, the Mexican bandit leader was making his way from the Bosques Grandes ranch, about 25 miles southwest of here.

A Mexican scout gave an intimation of this. He reported last night that he had seen two parties of Villa's men moving eastward from the Bosques Grandes ranch toward Palomas, an abandoned Carranza outpost six miles directly south below here.

Heavy Patrols.

Col. H. J. Slocum, commanding the 13th Cavalry, has out heavy patrols and two troops of cavalry at Gibson's ranch, 15 miles west.

Carranza customs guards at the border gates, three miles south of Columbus, had dug a few rifle pits for the 50 Carranza soldiers who fled from Palomas when Villa appeared in the vicinity several days ago.

Customer—"I say, this chickens a bit tough. Where did you get it?" Manager—"They come up in fresh lots from the country three times a week, sir." Customer—"Well this must be long to Group 4!"—"Punch."

Haughty Young Lieutenant (to private): "Haw—I seem to recognize your face." Private: "Yes, we were boys together, sir." Lieutenant (thoughtfully): "Nonsense, man! What do you mean?" Private: "Well, we're both about the same age, so we must have been!"

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Although in their hearts most Germans both despise and hate the United States they are always anxious to put the best show on their actions for American eyes, and their transoceanic wireless message of Feb. 5 is worth careful reading. It may not give their real mind, but it is at any rate a desperate effort to keep up their respectability. They deny that the air raids on England are reprisals for the Baralong incident, either because they have another rod in pickle for that or because they doubt whether the United States believes the German version of what happened. They say that the objects of their raids are to destroy everything that has value in England for the supply of food and munitions of war. Their attacks on the munition factories do not need, in their opinion, any special justification, and we may agree that the destruction of these places, though an extension of former practice, may be, under certain circumstances, honorable war. Whether it is or not depends on whether reasonable care is taken to confine the destruction within their limits. How can such care be taken by an airship which operates at night from enormous heights, and is blind or nearly so? For an airship to throw a bomb on a town because somewhere in it, if it could only be found, there is a munition factory which it has a right to destroy, is not warfare, but crime. And in fact the airships in raiding England have shown themselves just as ready to drop bombs on a country village as on an industrial town. The first air raids on this country were, it will be remembered, on the rural districts of Norfolk. This excuse, therefore, is not honest, and is yet another example of the German contempt for American intelligence.—Manchester Guardian.

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ASSEMBLYMAN TRIES TO PREVENT FIGHT

Albany, N. Y., March 9.—An attempt to prevent the Willard-Moran boxing contest being held on March 25, was forestalled in the assembly today when an objection prevented the introduction of a resolution of Assemblyman McCue, of New York, a former pugilist, calling on the state athletic commission to revoke the license for the fight.

McCue said he had seen Willard recently and that the champion was in no physical condition to fight. McCue later announced he would move next Tuesday to suspend the rules to permit the introduction of his resolution. He argued that under the regulations governing boxing contests could be held only by bona fide clubs composed of citizens of the state.

"These rules are not going to be lived up to in this fight," he declared. "In don't want the people to be humbugged out of a lot of money as they were a few months ago. Then a man named Glibbons and a man named McFarland fought. It was a sham of the worst kind. After they went back west they laughed at the suckers in New York."

"I looked at Jess Willard a few days ago. He is in no more condition to fight than I am. To permit this fight to be held will be the death knell of boxing in New York."

Assemblyman Malone defended the state athletic commission and said that if Willard was unfit physically to enter the ring, the commission would not allow the bout to be held.

WEEKS BEAT MITCHELL.

Raymond, March 9.—At a smoker given by the Elks, Billy Weeks, middleweight champion of Canada, was given a decision in a six-round sparring contest with Sid Mitchell, of Australia. Two preliminaries preceded the main event, the first being a four-round contest between Jones, of South Bend, and Harrison, of Raymond, which resulted in a draw. The second event was a tame affair, being between Bert Forbes, of Seattle, and Al Lupa, of Tacoma. Forbes had it all over his opponent and easily won the decision at the end of six rounds.

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SPORTING NEWS

S. S. LEAGUE FIXTURES WERE VERY ONE-SIDED

Presbyterians Registered Their Tenth Straight Victory Last Night; Other Games

Last night's trio of Sunday school basketball league games were one-sided and listless affairs. Two of the fixtures were between senior league clubs, preceded by an intermediate league game between James Bay and the Metropolitans. From the very start the boys showed their superiority and gained a substantial lead, leaving no doubt as to the outcome. The game ended with the Bays on the long end of a 32 to 6 score. Jimmy MacFadden was the high scorer for the winners, netting 16 points.

The First Presbyterian quintette annexed their tenth straight win at the expense of the Belmonts last night, completely outclassing their opponents and winning by a margin of 41 points, the final score being 53 to 12.

Hopkins scored 12 field baskets for the winners. From the time the teams commenced playing the superiority of the Presbyterians was evident. Their combination was good, and their guards kept the opposing team well in check. It is very doubtful if the Presbyterians will suffer a single defeat before the season closes.

It was anticipated that the game between the Metropolitan "A" and "B" teams would be very evenly contested, but the match was a great disappointment, as neither team played up to the standard that followers of the game have been used to expect of these teams. This was the second meeting of the clubs, their former clash resulting in a win for the "B's", but last night the verdict was reversed, and the "A's" easily won 37 to 18.

There was very little good team play on the part of the losers, and most of their points were registered by individual efforts. Knott, for the winners, was high scorer, with 17 points. Bob Whyte and Eddie Steel officiated as referees.

Senior League Standings

Club	P.	W.	L.	Pts.
First Presbyterians	10	10	0	20
Metropolitan "A"	10	6	4	12
Metropolitan "B"	9	5	4	12
Fairfield	9	5	4	6
Belmont	10	3	7	6
Congos	9	3	6	6
Knox	9	2	7	5

Next Games, Saturday

Belmont vs. Fairfield, Congos vs. Knox.

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Two of the best known local footballers who are now with the colors.

These athletes formerly played with the Sir John Jackson club, which has made such a creditable record in local soccer circles in the past few years. Nichol is one of the best forwards in the province. He is very fast and possesses great all-round ability. He is now a private in the 67th battalion, Western Scots, and is playing a great game on the forward line for that club in the Peden Cup competition.

Blendall has just recently joined the Army Medical Corps. He played on the half-back line and the forward division for the Jacksons for the past two years, and is considered one of the best all-round players in the city. Previous to playing with the Jacksons, Blendall played centre half for the Sons of England club.

Both these players have been chosen on various occasions for the Victoria representative team in inter-city matches. Seven members of the former champion Sir John Jackson club are now in uniform. Nichol, Niven and George Allen are now in the 67th battalion, Western Scots; Clarkson, Thorburn and Fred Corley are in England with the First Canadian Pioneer Corps; and Blendall is with the Army Medical Corps. This is certainly a proud record for a small organization like the Sir John Jackson Athletic club.

P. C. H. A. ALL-STARS WON FROM BUSHERS

Game Played at Nelson Last Night Was Evenly Contested; Other Hockey Gossip

Nelson, B. C., March 9.—A team selected from the various clubs of the Pacific Coast Hockey league last night invaded Nelson and defeated an All-Star selection from the Boundary league by a score of 6 to 3. The game was very fast, and there was very little to choose between the teams. Lehman played a wonderful game in goal for the winners. The P. C. H. A. lined up as follows: Goal, Lehman; point, Bobby Rowe; cover point, Roy Ricker; rover, Cully Wilson; left wing, Mickey Mackay; centre, Sibby Nichol; right wing, Bernie Morris.

Freddie McCulloch, the young prairie goal tender who made good in the nets with Victoria this year, left yesterday afternoon accompanied by his wife for his home in Regina. Jimmy Hiley, another prairie youngster who made a very favorable impression in major ranks with Victoria, is now living in Seattle. He and Cully Wilson will try out with the Tacoma Northwestern league ball team.

VANCOUVER ISLAND A. A. A. PLANS FESTIVITIES

The social committee of the Vancouver Island A. A. A. will hold the first of their series of social evenings, tomorrow night at the club quarters, corner of Catherine and Edward streets, Victoria West.

A basketball match between the V. I. A. A. A. and Y. M. C. A. will open the evening's festivities and following this event there will be a concert and boxing exhibition, to be followed by a dance. Cameron's seven-piece orchestra will render the music for the dance. Refreshments will be served during the evening. An admission fee of twenty-five cents will be charged to gentlemen, and ladies are requested to bring refreshments.

The following is the complete programme:

V. I. A. A. A. vs. Y. M. C. A. commencing at 8 o'clock prompt.

Boxing Exhibitions.

Rex Steele vs. Johnny Fields (mid-sets).

Al Davies vs. Leon McClusky (125 pounds).

Musical Programme.

Cole, song; Mr. Arman, song; J. Mullaly, song; W. Etheridge, dance.

Al Davies, song; Miss F. Davies, song; Dick Painter, clog dance; George Budd, song.

It is anticipated that the entry list for the Jackson club competition, which opens next Tuesday night, will be heavy.

W. Telfer, for the past couple of seasons associated with local cricket and soccer clubs, has accepted the secretaryship of the Thistle Football club, succeeding R. W. Gray, who has left the city.

Three Cubans, Palmero, Aragon and Rodriguez, are showing great form in the New York Giants training camp.

Pitcher Ray W. Collins, who is to be disposed of by the Boston American league club via the waiver route, along with Joe Wood, Cady and Thomas, has signed a contract to coach the Bellows Free Academy team of Fairfax.

Jack Laviolette, of the Canadian N. H. A. team, was suspended by President Quinn for one playing date last week for rough work.

Considerable slashing has been going on in the circuit, and to eliminate unnecessary rough work the police in the various cities have threatened to arrest the players.

Eppa Rixey, the giant Philadelphia National league club southpaw, has finally come to terms with Manager Pat Moran. Rixey was holding out for more money.

Because of his advancing years, business interests, and Milburn Saylor's right paw, Leach Cross has decided to quit the ring.

The Cleveland American league club infield at the start of the season will probably line up as follows: First base, Gandi; second base, Turner; short stop, Chapman; and third base, Thomas. This quartette looks much stronger than last year's line-up.

SUBSCRIPTION CAMPAIGN.

Great Falls, Mont., March 9.—A committee consisting of County Treasurer Lee Dennis, Larue Smith and Robert Blewett went forth to secure written subscriptions to a fund to guarantee a baseball team from this city to the Northwestern league. Less than two hours were they at work when they quit for the day with more than twenty subscriptions, the small amount \$100 and the largest \$500. The committee is jubilant over the showing, but a person refusing to contribute. They declared it will be a matter of hours until they have the guarantee, and that Great Falls' entry into the Northwestern league was practically assured.

THE PASSING OF THE SMOKE BALL WONDER

Joe Wood Disposed of by Boston Via Waiver Route

Joe Wood, the smoke ball king of the Boston American League club, world's champion, did not satisfy the management last year, and the result is that Manager Carrigan is now asking waivers on the former great slabster. To the belief of many, Wood is gradually recovering from the strain sustained to his great pitching arm in the fall of 1912, and is far from all in.

Wood is a fine, clean type of the earnest athlete, and is one of the great pitchers of the game. Last year little was heard about the achievements of Smokey Joe and yet he worked in twenty-five games, and was the most effective pitcher in the American League, allowing fewer earned runs than the great Walter Johnson. He finished his eighth season in major league company last year as a member of the Boston Red Sox, and yet today he is only twenty-six years old.

Wood's greatest year was in 1912, when he was a prominent factor in the winning of the American League pennant, and the defeat of the New York Giants in the world's series. Joe strained his valuable whip that year, and the following season ranked eleventh in the pitching averages. In 1914 he was not so effective, ranking twenty-fourth. Last year, however, he led the column, which is certainly a very favorable indication that he is recovering his effectiveness.

Despite the fact that he was their leading slabster, Wood was not used by Philadelphia in the world's series by Boston in the world's series against Philadelphia. He was eager to take his turn on the mound, but the management would not give him a chance.

News that he is to be disposed of, along with Ray Collins, Thomas and Forest Cady came as a complete surprise package to the baseball followers. It is very unlikely that Joe will pass into the minor leagues, for his last season's record certainly should earn him a berth with one of the sixteen major league clubs.

SEASON OPENS APRIL 4.

Lewiston, Idaho, March 9.—The baseball season will officially open in Lewiston by a game between the American Giants and the Lewiston baseball team. It is proposed to have the Giants at Pullman on April 4; Moscow, April 5, and Lewiston the following day. At Pullman the game will be with the Washington State college, and the University of Idaho will be taken on at Moscow, while the Lewiston team will be with the regular city team.

DOGGERS ARE OFF.

Hot Springs, Ark., March 9.—Pitchers Jack Combs and "Babe" Marquard and Catcher John Meyers, of the Brooklyn Nationals, who have been here for three weeks doing preliminary training, left today for Daytona, Fla., to join the other members of the Brooklyn squad. Combs declared that all three were in fine shape.

VICS BEAT PILGRIMS.

Saskatoon, Sask., March 9.—At the Greenway rink here last night, the Victorias of the capital city defeated the Saskatoon Pilgrims by a score of 6 to 5. Regina starts Friday's game at Regina, the second in the provincial play-off with a one goal lead over Saskatoon.

FOX OUTPOINTED.

Portland, Ore., March 9.—Joe Benjamin of Spokane, won a decision over Jimmy Fox of San Francisco, here last night. Both are claimants of the coast featherweight boxing title.

DOWNED GREEK GRAPPLER.

Spokane, March 9.—Charles Taylor, former Canadian wrestler, defeated Gus Kerveras, a Greek from Michigan, in straight falls here last night. Taylor, using the toe hold, obtained his first fall in 42 minutes and the second in 17.

LEONARD OUTFOUGHT DUNDEE.

New York, N. Y., March 9.—Benny Leonard outfought Johnny Dundee in a ten-round bout here last night, thus becoming eligible for a match with Freddie Welsh for the lightweight championship.

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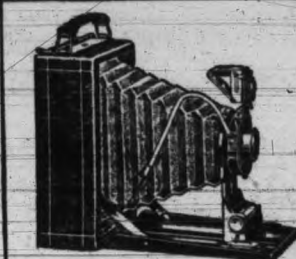
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WANTED—Automobile, suitable for delivery; quota price and particulars; must be cheap for cash. Box 303, Esquimalt.

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60,000 EMPTY SACKS, at any quantity, wanted. D. Louis, 913 California Ave. Phone 3493.

WANTED—50 tons rags, any kind; good price paid. Canadian Junk Co., 508 Johnson street. Phone 303.

WANTED—We are being asked for and could sell at a good price, gentlemen's watches, riding crops, small piano, books, dining table, jewelry, china and silver. Esquimalt Store, Belmont block. Phone 4123.

RAGS WANTED—Phone or write to Alaska Junk Co., Phone 3702, 1421 Store street, corner Commercial.

RUBBER WANTED—Phone 302. Alaska Junk Co.

TOOLS—Second-hand tools of all descriptions wanted. Alaska Junk Co. Phone 3702.

SACKS—Empty sacks wanted. Phone 3702, Alaska Junk Co.

ALASKA JUNK CO. will pay best price for all kinds of refuse. Phone 3702, 1421 Store street, corner Commercial.

WANTED—At once, scrap cast iron. Phone 3702, Alaska Junk Co. Store and Commercial streets.

WANTED—Carpenter's tools, clothing, trunks and valises, tents, guns, furniture, jewelry, gramophones, boots and shoes, and machinery and old gold and silver. I will call at any address. Jacob Aaronson's new and second-hand store, 157 Johnson street, Victoria, B. C. Phone 172.

HIGH PRICES paid for gentlemen's clothing. Phone 623. I. Herman, 1421 Government street.

WANTED TO RENT—HOUSES

WANTED—Houses to rent; strict attention given. The Griffith Company, 1115-Bone Building.

WANTED—To rent, 4 or 5-room bungalow, in the city, close to station. Stewart's Shoe Store, 1321 Douglas St. Phone 172.

FOR RENT—Modern house of 8 rooms, full size basement, good location, 3 blocks from Fort street cars, \$1.50; furniture if required. Box 199, Times.

FOR SALE—Property

FOR SALE—Real estate, chicken ranch, 1 acre, good house and buildings, 2 miles out, B. 000. Holmes, R. M. D. No. 2, m26

FOR RENT—Room and board, 1137 Johnson street.

APARTMENTS

Prairie Farm to Trade

I have for exchange a prairie farm consisting of 1,440 acres, situated a short distance from Moose Jaw on the main C. P. R. line. All necessary buildings, out-houses, fences; free city water. Will accept a good Victoria home and assume any mortgage. What have you to offer? Further particulars at

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LOCAL NEWS

Save Postage on Wedding Cake Boxes.—Our English patented box will do it. Sweeney-McConnell, Limited, next B. C. Electric.

F. L. Haynes means watchmaker and jeweler.

Removing Next Week.—The civic labor bureau will remove to new quarters in the market building early next week. The present premises have been occupied since the bureau was started.

Bona Dee Club.—The Bona Dee club will hold its regular dance on Tuesday evening, from 8 to 11 o'clock, in the Alexandra ballroom. Hector's orchestra will supply the music.

Ward One Ratepayers.—A meeting of the Ward One Ratepayers' association will be held in the Temperance hall, Cedar Hill, on Friday evening, at 8 o'clock. All ratepayers are requested to attend.

Friendly Help Association.—The Friendly Help association is in very urgent need of two beds fitted with mattresses. Anyone having the same and willing to donate them is asked to communicate with Miss Lawson at the rooms, Market building.

Elks' Entertainment.—The Elks are holding an entertainment in their clubrooms to-night for their members and their friends. One of the special features will be a few selections from the repertoire of the latest Edison phonograph. A large turnout is expected.

Congregational Church.—The Ladies' Aid-rummage sale will be held on Wednesday, March 15, at 742 Fort street, between Douglas and Blanshard streets. There will be afternoon tea, a candy stall, a new bag stall, etc. Friends having parcels of goods to donate are requested to bring them.

Answers to Times Want Ads.

The following replies are waiting to be called for:

15, 170, 630, 1463, 1475, 1500, 1523, 1528, 1545, 1566, 1620, 1630, 1658, 1677, 1684, 1691, 1704, 1709, 1732, 1739, 1761, 1781, 1793, 1832, 1842, 1846, 1858, 1867, 1890, 1893, 1898, 1899, 1900, 1912, 1913, 1914, 1915, 1916, 1917, 1918, 1919, 1920, 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924, 1925, 1926, 1927, 1928, 1929, 1930, 1931, 1932, 1933, 1934, 1935, 1936, 1937, 1938, 1939, 1940, 1941, 1942, 1943, 1944, 1945, 1946, 1947, 1948, 1949, 1950, 1951, 1952, 1953, 1954, 1955, 1956, 1957, 1958, 1959, 1960, 1961, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1965, 1966, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026, 2027, 2028, 2029, 2030, 2031, 2032, 2033, 2034, 2035, 2036, 2037, 2038, 2039, 2040, 2041, 2042, 2043, 2044, 2045, 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	Reg. Price	Sale Price
Range, polished top, connected	\$65.00	\$53.00
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No. 82 Range, connected	\$80.00	\$60.00
No. 83 Range, connected	\$85.00	\$65.00
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	Regular	Sale
Rose Pattern, 130 pieces, semi-porcelain	\$95.00	\$18.50
Green Marie, green and gold pattern, 135 pieces	\$30.00	\$16.00
Maroon Band and Gilt, 98 pieces	\$18.00	\$12.50

Toilet Sets

	Regular	Sale
Five-Piece Sets, assorted patterns	\$2.25	\$1.50
Ten-Piece Sets, assorted patterns	\$3.00	\$1.95

Sale Discount of 25 Per Cent Off

Cut Glass, Old Foley Ware, Copeland's Spode Ware, Special Line of French China, Special Line of Royal Crown Derby China, and Special Line of Moorcroft Ware.

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	Regular	Sale		Regular	Sale
Ostermoor, 4ft. 6in.	\$15.75	\$11.75	Waldorf Box Spring, 4ft. 6in.	\$25.00	\$14.75
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We are clearing out a number of Upholstered Easy Chairs, which have been used for showroom samples, at greatly reduced prices. It will pay you to have a look at these.

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ASKED FOR INQUIRY INTO LAND FRAUDS

John Oliver's Petition to the Crown Cites Instances of Wrongdoing

SAYS MINISTERS HAVE FAILED IN THEIR DUTY

Speculative Holders of Vast Arable Areas Are Impeding Settlement of Land

The Times has been favored by John Oliver with a copy of the petition which he forwarded to his Honor the Lieutenant-Governor some time ago, asking for an inquiry into the land frauds which have been going on in British Columbia. Mr. Oliver referred to this petition in his speech in the Victoria theatre last week, and stated that he had not had an acknowledgment of its receipt.

Mr. Oliver writes: "Referring to the letter of H. J. S. Muskett, secretary to his honor the Lieutenant-Governor, which appeared in Tuesday's Colonist, I wish to say that in order to ensure that the petition referred to should reach his honor I took the precaution to mail one copy to the lieutenant-governor direct, and another through the provincial secretary. In order to allow the electorate to judge whether the matter was of sufficient importance to justify me in asking for an inquiry, and to expect the courtesy of an acknowledgment, I enclose a copy of the petition."

The petition reads as follows: To His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council: May it please your Honor: I deem it my duty to bring to your attention a condition of affairs which has arisen under the administration of the laws relating to the disposal of crown lands:

Section 46 of chapter 129 R. S. of 1911 states: "It shall not be lawful to survey or to sell any lands under the authority of this part of this act (there is no other authority for sale) in such a manner as to dispose of more than 640 acres, measuring 80 x 80 chains, to any one person."

Section 49 of said chapter 129 states: "No person who has applied or has given notice to apply, for permission to purchase lands under this part of this act shall be entitled to apply, or to give notice of his intention to apply, for permission to purchase any other lands under the provisions of this act until he shall have either abandoned his application to purchase, or for permission to purchase, or acquired a crown grant of the lands for which he had previously applied, or given notice of his intention to apply for permission to purchase, and shall have obtained a certificate from the commissioner that he has improved the said land to the extent of three dollars per acre."

Your honor will observe that in the sections quoted there is laid down the principle that not more than 640 acres of crown lands may be sold to any one person, and that no person who has applied to purchase crown lands (of whatever extent) may make a second application until he shall have either abandoned his former application or received a crown grant, and in addition, a certificate of improvement. I submit to your honor that any person who has purchased 640 acres of crown lands is not under the statute, entitled to purchase any further area even though he had received a crown grant and a certificate of improvement.

I would request your honor to note that although I have quoted the words of the statute as revised in 1911, that the principle laid down is not new, as at that date (1911) but is contained in the revised statutes of 1897, sec. 30, sub-sections A and C, and the principle here laid down has been continued throughout the various amending and consolidating acts until the present time. During recent years (notably since 1907) a successful attempt has been made to evade the provisions of the statute above quoted. The methods employed were substantially as follows:

A company or persons (corporate or otherwise) desirous of obtaining an area of crown lands greater than allowed by statute, provided themselves with copies of a carefully prepared document purporting to be an irrevocable power-of-attorney (see sample enclosed). Armed with these so-called powers-of-attorney (which in a vast majority of cases were signed by persons who had no intention of acquiring lands on their own behalf, and your honor will note that the person signing these so-called power-of-attorney purports to irrevocably divest himself of all further interest in the lands which he purports to authorize the person named as his attorney to acquire in his name—persons, corporate or otherwise, have applied to purchase (and their applications have been accepted by the government) crown lands aggregating millions of acres. That these powers-of-attorney were fraudulent is disclosed by the terms in which they are expressed. No sane man would irrevocably divest himself of all power or interest in the lands which in good faith he is seeking to acquire.

I submit for the information of your honor a copy of a judgment of the Supreme Court of Canada in the case of Brownlee vs McIntosh; your honor will note that this judgment discloses the following facts: That the plaintiff Brownlee was employed as a government surveyor. That as a government surveyor he



sold the information (which was the property of the government) to the defendant McIntosh.

That Brownlee, otherwise assisted McIntosh to acquire crown lands by fraud. An examination of the public accounts for the year 1912-13 will show that Brownlee was still in the government employ.

Your honor will also note that Mr. Justice Duff says: "It is perfectly obvious that the scheme entered upon and successfully carried out by McIntosh and Garthman, through the agency of the plaintiff, was a fraud upon the Land Act."

I submit to your honor that a public inquiry would disclose that the means used by McIntosh and Garthman for the acquisition of crown lands are identical with the means (fraudulent powers of attorney) used by others in the acquisition of millions of acres of crown lands.

Mr. Justice Macdonald in a recent case (Clark vs. Swan) is quoted as saying: "It appears that the plaintiff being desirous of obtaining a large quantity of land in the Naas valley arranged with H. N. Bous to stake such land under the Land Act for purchase from the provincial government. Bous, in turn, employed the defendant, and acting under instructions from the plaintiff supplied the defendant with the names of persons who would be used as ostensibly desirous of purchasing such land."

Mr. Justice Macdonald also says: "I was impressed by the fact that the parties staking in this manner were simply following in the train of numerous instances of like nature."

I submit to your honor that the means used in the case of Clark and McIntosh for the fraudulent acquisition of crown lands were similar in all essential respects to the vast majority of cases in which crown lands have been acquired by purchase.

Your ministers may possibly advise your honor that in the application for crown lands there is nothing to show fraud, and that they have no knowledge that fraud has been and is being committed.

I respectfully submit that it is the duty of your ministers to protect the public domain against fraud, and that your ministers have failed in their duty in this respect.

I submit to your honor that your ministers did have knowledge of frauds being committed, inasmuch as such frauds have been matters of comment in the newspapers, and on the public platform in the presence of at least some of your honor's ministers.

I would pray for your honor's attention to section 157 of chapter 129 (the Land Act), which reads as follows: "In all cases where crown grants of land have been issued through fraud . . . the minister may, upon hearing the parties interested . . . direct such fraudulent crown grants to be cancelled."

I submit to your honor that your minister of lands has knowledge of crown grants obtained by fraud, that your minister of lands has taken no steps to cancel the crown grants so obtained by fraud, and in this respect has failed in his duty.

I further submit to your honor that the minister of lands has submitted, for your honor's signature, crown grants of land with the full knowledge that such crown grants were being obtained by fraudulent means.

In view of the judgments referred to and of the language of section 157 of the Land Act, I think it is apparent that many of the crown grants already issued are liable to cancellation. I think it must also be apparent that a large portion of the moneys now outstanding on account of land sales are on account of lands which are of the same fraudulent nature as those already referred to.

It surely cannot be that it is the intention of your honor's government to continue the issuance of crown grants to lands which are being obtained by means which the highest court in Canada has declared to be a fraud on the Land Act.

I can assure your honor that thousands of square miles of the best agricultural lands in the province have largely, by fraudulent means, passed into the hands of speculative holders, and that these lands are held for sale at a price which is prohibitive of settlement on any large scale.

I submit herewith a price list which I have just received from one holding company.

I respectfully submit to your honor that the fraudulent acquisition of

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crown lands is a matter which vitally affects the welfare of the province and is subversive of good government and the proper conduct of public business, and that it is a proper subject for enquiry under the provisions of the Public Inquiries Act (Chapter 119) R. S., 1911, and inasmuch as the conduct of public servants is charged and the honor of your ministers is involved, and the welfare of the province is in peril, I therefore pray that you will cause a commission under the great seal of the province to issue at once, with instructions for a full public inquiry to be made as to:

What crown lands have been obtained by fraudulent means.

Whether or not any (and if so, which) of your ministers had knowledge of the fraudulent acquisition of crown lands.

Whether or not your minister of lands exercised due diligence in the performance of his duties as to prevent fraud upon the Land Act.

Whether or not the province has been defrauded of any portion of the purchase price of crown lands by means of improper classification.

What has been the effect upon the agricultural development of the province caused by the sale of crown lands during the last six years.

Should a public inquiry be granted in accordance with the prayer of this petition, I shall be prepared to assist in placing material evidence before the commission.

OPPOSITION SEEKS FOR INFORMATION

Several Questions and Motions Ready for Government When Debate on Address is Over

Legislative Press Gallery, March 8. The Liberal opposition has lost no time in getting about its duty of keenly scrutinizing all matters of public business. Until the debate upon the address is over, however, no questions will be asked or resolutions spoken to, but with the opening of next week there will be several matters taken up.

Mr. Brewster has given notice of a motion for a return showing receipts and expenditures of the province for the period from April 1, 1915, to the present as nearly as possible, under their proper headings, but with the taxes on wild lands, timber land and coal land segregated instead of being lumped in one sum.

The leader will ask the premier: "Has the government entered into any agreement, tentative or otherwise, with the Canadian Puget Sound Lumber company for the construction of any wooden sailing vessels (as stated in the Victoria Colonist of March 1, 1915)?

"If so, what are the particulars of such contract or arrangements; and what authority has the government for making such contract or arrangement?"

He will also ask the minister or acting minister of mines: "Was Mr. P. R. Flemming employed by the government as relief officer at any time during the years 1913, 1914, or 1915?

"If so, did the said Mr. P. R. Flemming, acting as relief officer, cause, aid, or assist in the removal of coal-miners from any district within the province of British Columbia to any place outside of the province?"

"What number of coal-miners have been so removed?"

"Where have said miners removed, or been removed, to?"

"Have any provincial moneys been expended in connection with such removal?"

"If so, how much?"

In addition to the resolution calling for a special committee to investigate the purchase of the Kitlano reserve, Mr. A. Macdonald will move: "That an order of the house be granted for a return of copies of all correspondence between the government or any member thereof and any other person or persons in any way relating to the construction of or settlement of accounts in connection with the new wing to the parliament buildings."

Parker Williams has the following pertinent questions down to ask at the earliest opportunity:

"Is the land and all improvements on the townsite of Anyox owned and controlled by the Granby Consolidated Mining & Smelting Co.?"

"Is the estimated population of the town of Anyox approximately 1,600?"

"Is the site of said town valued for assessment at \$7.50 per acre?"

"Is the adjoining McKinnon townsite owned by other parties than the above corporation?"

"Are there more than 12 persons resident on the McKinnon townsite?"

"Is the McKinnon townsite valued for assessment purposes at approximately \$450 per acre?"

"If answers to question three and six are in the affirmative, what explanation does the government offer for the apparent extraordinary favored treatment of the Granby Co.?"

We were at the tea table. Next to me sat little Ethel. In the midst of the meal an audible swallow attracted my attention. I looked at Ethel, who was replacing her cup of tea on the table with one hand, while the other hand clamped her throat. "What is the matter?" I queried. "I—I tried to swallow so much tea at one time, and I almost sprang by swallow."

"Never speak to me again," exclaimed the fair maid, as with flashing eyes she handed back to the football hero the ring he had so proudly placed on her finger a few short days before. "I can never marry a coward." "A coward?" he stammered. "Yes, a coward. I saw you with my own eyes at the game this afternoon. You had the ball under your arm, and ran with it the whole length of the field instead of facing the crowd and fighting like a man."

VANCOUVER MEMBER WANTS SHIP BONUS

Thinks That a Preferable Way of Aiding Mercantile Marine; Comox Member on Timber

Legislative Press Gallery, March 8. This was a quiet day in the house, the debate on the address in reply to the speech from the throne continuing and two members on the government side being heard.

Deputy Speaker Macgowan, one of the Vancouver members, consistently with the attitude he adopted last year, took a different stand to that of the cabinet in the matter of aid to shipbuilding. Instead of a guarantee of bonds he is in favor of a bonus on a tonnage basis, both for the building of vessels and their use as freighters.

Michael Manson (Comox) spoke in glowing terms of the resources of his district, and especially in the matter of its immense timber wealth did he enlighten the house. He gave interesting statistics of the timber cut of the district and the province generally. The sawmills of the Comox district had cut up to 40 per cent of their capacity during the year and the shingle mills up to 75 per cent.

From the efforts of Chief Forester Macmillan to open up new markets there would flow a great volume of trade for the province, and its milling and logging industries would receive a great stimulus from the orders he would succeed in obtaining. Mr. Macmillan was traveling extensively and bringing the industry in this province into closer relations with foreign markets. Mr. Manson urged that the telephone system as put in for the forest protection service should be extended so as to give a public service to the district along the east coast of the island.

Mr. Manson dwelt on the agricultural, fruit growing, fishing, and mining possibilities of Comox, and he expressed the belief that the government's policies in every regard were just what was wanted. The shipbuilding policy was the one missing link required to put the industry on its feet. All he had to say about the Liberals was that they had indulged in wild statements devoid of any foundation in fact, but he consoled himself with the belief that the people knew what credence to place in these statements.

A. H. B. Macgowan (Vancouver), continuing the debate, said he had never heard so much hope for agriculture in any speech on that floor or in any agricultural convention as had come from the senior member for Cariboo (Mr. Frazer). He declined to go into the causes or probable effect of the government's default in Vancouver and Victoria but would welcome the new members to the house. The latch-string was on the outside of the door of inquiry, and every book and paper would be open to the opposition for investigation, he promised. Mr. Macgowan came out as a strong advocate of aid to the mercantile marine, either by subsidy, as he had suggested, last session, or by something being done for shipbuilding. The hon. gentleman went into the historical aspect of state assistance in the rebuilding of a merchant navy, from the time of Washington onwards. He favored a tonnage basis of bonus on building and on freight carrying, and advised the government that this would bring about a better condition than having a lot of people rushing here to get a guarantee of bonds for building. He would pay double the tonnage bonus for carrying that he would for building.

The leader of the opposition moved the adjournment of the debate.

In the report of Frank de Gooch, acting secretary of the provincial board of health, presented to the house by Hon. Thomas Taylor, provincial secretary, the enlargement of the Tranquil's sanatorium to three hundred beds was advocated. He also suggests that every city should have accommodation for the treatment of advanced cases of tuberculosis, and the establishment of a clearing-house for cases, in charge of a medical expert and trained nurses, from which the cases could be drafted off to these hospitals or to the sanatoriums.

Mr. de Grey estimates that the population of the province has fallen off by one hundred thousand in the last year. He says that 20,000 men have left the province through the cessation of railway work, 50,000 through the depression, 22,000 have gone to fight for the empire, and the remainder represent families of soldiers who have gone to the United Kingdom, munition workers, reservists who have rejoined the colors and aliens who have left or been interned.

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IN CITY SCHOOLS

Victoria Dentists Will Be Allowed to Investigate; School Gardens

The school trustees last evening decided to allow the members of the Victoria Dental association to make a test at two schools to discover what percentage of children have defective teeth, such test to be subject to the approval of the municipal inspector and Dr. Wasson, school health officer.

Dr. William Russell submitted the request of the Dental association, which Trustee Dr. Hall, as president of the Dental association, explained. He stated that free clinics existed elsewhere, and what the association proposed was to secure data, test to give relief free for a year or so, to children whose parents could not pay. The board could not grant any subscription, but he noticed in Vancouver that the city council had made an allowance in the estimates. The only cost would be for equipment, the members of the society undertaking to examine pupils. Dr. Hall alluded to the serious handicap to children of allowing defective teeth to be neglected.

The proposal was supported by Mrs. Jenkins. Trustee Deaville wanted an assurance that no cost would be entailed on the board, and Dr. Hall said no obligation would be undertaken by the board in allowing the data to be gathered. The motion then passed.

The buildings and grounds committee reported certain necessary improvements in the adjacent room to the board office, for the exhibition quarters, at a cost of \$220.30. This sum will thoroughly renovate the room. The board adopted the committee's recommendation, except with regard to a flooring material. The latter matter was laid over.

Authority to repair roofs damaged by recent storms was given to the buildings and grounds committee.

The municipal inspector reported on staff grading, making some suggestions with regard to reduction in the future to the teaching staff.

A report on janitorial service was adopted. This recommends certain changes, and the systematization of the work at different schools. J. W. Gibson, director of elementary technical education, suggested in a communication new school gardens at the Protestant Orphanage Home, the Girls' Central school and Burnside school. The department is now giving grants to the board for George Jay, Oaklands and Kingston street school gardens. The communication, as well as the report of the buildings and grounds committee on school gardens, was referred back for further consideration.

The resignation of Capt. Harriet F. W. cadet instructor at the High school, who has been appointed adjutant of the 224 Battalion, C. E. F., was accepted on the usual terms.

On account of the shortage of Ross rifles the board agreed to look into the provision of dummy rifles for cadet corps not yet equipped. Of 297 cadets, 159 are unprovided, it was reported.

The department of education stated that in the case of evening classes, grants in aid of five of these would be discontinued on account of small attendance, four would be withheld unless the attendance improved, while another four would be reduced to two. The municipal inspector indicated that the representations had already received attention.

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A miserly landlord was going round collecting his rents the other day. At one house he was greatly interested in a little girl, who watched open-mouthed and open-eyed the business of paying over the money and accepting the receipt. He patted her on the head, and started to search his pockets, saying, "I must see what I have got for you." After searching his pockets for some time he at last brought out from a remote corner a pererrmint. As he handed it to the girl he said, "And now what will you do with that?" The little girl looked at it, then at him, and replied, "Wash it."

CONDUCT OF CAFES
IS MUCH CRITICIZED

Two Places Are Particularly Commented Upon by Commissioners

Comment on the conduct of some of the cafes in the city was contained in the reports of the license inspectors to the license commissioners yesterday afternoon. The two particularly mentioned were those of the Olympus cafe and Manitoba hotel.

The Olympus recently secured a restaurant license, a privilege it formerly held, but lost by transfer to new premises. The mayor said he had no hesitation in saying that unless there was a change in the management, and new methods of control prevailed, he should advise cancelling the license of the Olympus cafe.

The commissioners then gave the licensees one week in which to comply with the mayor's suggestion.

With regard to the Manitoba cafe the mayor said the proprietor had been warned last November as to the conduct of the house.

Acting-Chief Inspector Gregg asked the court to give some definition of what hours should be allowed for music, and what closing times should be insisted upon.

The mayor said no hours could be fixed in this respect. The act gave the board no discretion in this respect for cafes.

The inspector believed that the limitation of "the music and general merriment" should be defined in the public interest. The court then instructed the license inspectors to bring in a report of the general conditions of cafes in the city.

The licenses of the Royal Arms and Grand Central hotels were transferred, and the applications for the Cecil and Gordon hotels were adjourned, the temporary transfers being extended to the next meeting.

TWO DEPUTATIONS TO
MEET CIVIC COMMITTEE

Bakers and Retail Storekeepers Have Representations to Make

Two deputations will be received by the members of the city council in streets committee to-morrow afternoon. The first will be from the bread manufacturers, the second from the owners of retail stores in the suburbs of the city.

The bread manufacturers failed last year to prevail on the city council to allow the abandonment of the one pound standard loaf, by making a shorter weight loaf, and so labelling it. The bakers have maintained that so long as there was an attempt to defraud, the loaf could be sold at the weight specified upon it for such price as the bakers agreed upon. On March 1 they brought the issue to a head, by starting the baking of less than standard weight bread. The reasons for this alteration were fully explained by representative bakers to the council recently. Immediately a prosecution followed, and this case now stands adjourned in police court till the Bakers' association, has had the opportunity to consult with the aldermen and ascertain whether they are adamant for a standard loaf.

The retail storekeepers would certainly be effected if the early closing by-law should be adopted as it exists in the draft. Many of the small storekeepers have no help employed, while there are others in the suburbs that have several men engaged, and the only ways to meet the situation are to secure power to enforce compulsory closing of all stores where help is engaged, or else to have a limit fixed in the same way as that in which fire limits are established. The desire is to receive the storekeepers' deputation before the city's private bill goes to the legislature.

Before these deputations are received, there will be a meeting of the committee appointed to arrange for the connection between the Sooke waterworks system and the salt water high pressure system. While it involves some expense, the ultimate result will be to effect an economy.

An effort had been made to secure a deputation for to-morrow afternoon for the advocacy of a municipal golf course, but owing to the large amount of business which requires to be transacted, the deputation will not be received before next Friday.

The question of municipal golf links at Elk Lake, or elsewhere (Elk Lake being mentioned because the city has considerable waterworks property there suitable for the purpose), has been agitated for some time. The Seattle municipal links have proved of the greatest value to people who do not usually join an ordinary club, and in the first eight months some 26,900 persons were registered as having made use of the links. The Seattle papers have commended the experiment as one of the most successful departures of this kind the city ever attempted.

"Poetry should be written on one side of the paper only, shouldn't it?" asked a young versifier. "That depends on the poetry," replied the editor wearily. "Lots of it should be written on either side!"

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NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY.

Dr. Newcombe Gives Interesting Paper on Geology of Victoria District.

At a well attended meeting of the Natural History society held in the King's Daughters' rest rooms, Courtney street, the feature of chief interest was the paper by Dr. Newcombe on the Geology of Victoria.

The most notable feature of the geological character of the district was at a first glance, said Dr. Newcombe, the great number of detached hills, Mount Douglas, Cedar Hill, Mount Tolmie, Christmas Hill, etc. These were technically termed monadnocks, and like everything else showed the marks of ice action in their rounded outlines and in the scoring and scratching of their surface left as marks by the glaciers that swept over them. The general trend of the movement of the ice and therefore the direction of the scratches—was from north and east to west and south. The ice left the mainland generally by the Gulf of Georgia. Photographs of the rocks and the grooved channelling by the ice flow were shown. A piece of a boulder picked up in Beacon Hill Park was shown. This contained fossils not found in any rock strata in the district, and the lecturer demonstrated that the boulder must have come from Chilliwack. Maps were shown indicating how the course of the ice in glacial period had travelled. Charts showing the distribution of the mammoth and of the mastodon in the United States and Canada were also of great interest. The mammoth, four times the size of the elephant of to-day, evidently had a very much smaller brain cavity and less intelligence, judging by the skull shown in pictures. These great animals were generally found in river valleys, suggesting that they had probably drowned in floods.

The lecture was listened to with the greatest attention, and a very hearty vote of thanks was accorded Dr. Newcombe on the motion of A. W. McCurdy seconded by Dr. Haxell. The latter recalled a walk in Beacon Hill Park with Dr. Newcombe twenty-three years ago when Dr. Newcombe had found the bit of boulder from Chilliwack, the first found on Vancouver Island.

F. Kermode, the president of the Natural History society, presided at the meeting, and a number of interesting plant and fossil specimens were shown during the meeting. C. C. Pemberton showed specimens of the flowering and creeping stem of Ivy. He had learned that Ivy grew luxuriantly on the American continent the further west it was, and also that flowering stems were more numerous in Victoria than in England. In connection with a letter that had recently appeared in a Vancouver paper Mr. Kermode challenged the statement that the oak was a tree not indigenous to the province but introduced. Many oaks out on the island had, he said, from two to three hundred rings. C. C. Pemberton drew attention to the arbutus trees planted by Mr. Purdy in Beacon Hill Park near the recreation ground. These were doing well and had never been watered.

Several members noted the number

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of birds they had seen during the severe weather near their houses, and how tame they became. H. F. Pullen reported having seen thrushes; Mr. Kermode reported two flocks of Lapland longspur appearing on Superior street; Mrs. McIlreath had also noted thrushes, thirty-five at one time together. Mr. Barton had seen a hawk take a quail, and had observed one kinglet, a rare bird hereabouts.

PANTAGES THEATRE.

One of the most highly entertaining programmes in many months is being offered this week at Pantages theatre. Every one of the six acts is well above mediocrity, while two or three are of headline calibre. The most hilarious hit of the show is provided by Al Fields and Company in their funny skit, "The History of a Hansom Cab." Then there is "The Boarding School Girls," with Miss "Tommy" Allen as the comedienne, who kept yesterday's audiences in roars of laughter. Frank Huyler as the intruding male, does his part well, while the chorus is good. "Song Sketches With Dance Trimmings" is another act which affords Mauds Earl and Fletcher Norton a chance to show some of the best things in which they achieved fame as musical comedy stars. Gus Reed and Nell Wood, basso and pianist, are one of the brightest spots of the bill, and their delectable musical oddity earned them several recalls. Miss Anita Heymann, a lyric soprano, provides one of the best singing turns. Cooks and Rothers open the bill with a novel and pleasing act. An amusing film comedy starts things.

Ladies of Victoria are reminded that a fashion show of spring gowns and millinery will be given after the Friday matinee to all those who attend the performance.

Newcomer—"Can you tell me, please, where I can find good board in the town?" "One-Time City Dweller—"Only in the lumber yard, I fear."